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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG™



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TYRANNY-- LIKE A DARK CLOUD IT SHADOWS A LAND, CAUSING THE VALIANT TO REBEL, CREATING WAR...

WAR-- ITS SOLDIERS ARE OFTEN CALLED **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**, WHO ARE SOMETIMES DRIVEN TO DESPERATE ACTS, EVEN AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED NEUTRALITY...

NEUTRALITY-- A POSITION IN WAR THE FABLED **FLOATING ISLAND** HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAINTAIN AS ITS NATIVES LOOK FOR HOPE FROM ITS GUARDIAN...

GUARDIAN-- THE ONE BEING THEY DEPEND ON TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE DESPERATE ACTS OF THOSE IN SEARCH OF **FREEDOM** AND THEIR WAR'S INVASION...

INVASION-- SOMETHING **KNUCKLES** THE ECHIDNA NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTEND WITH FROM THE LIKES OF **SONIC** THE HEDGEHOG!

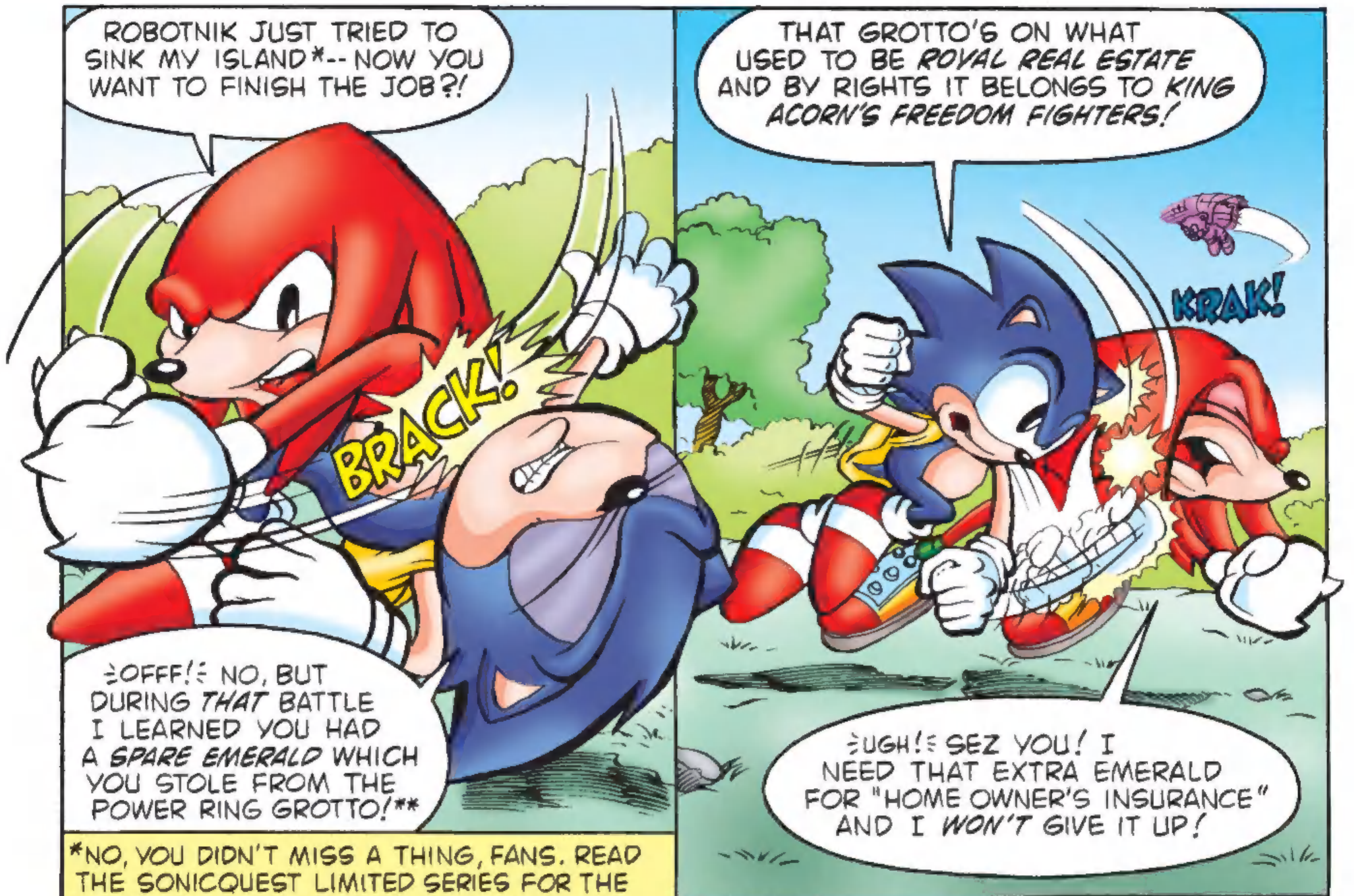
ARE YOU CRAZY-- BARGING IN HERE AND DEMANDING I FORK OVER MY **CHAOS EMERALD** ?!

WITHOUT IT, MY **ISLAND** WILL FALL!

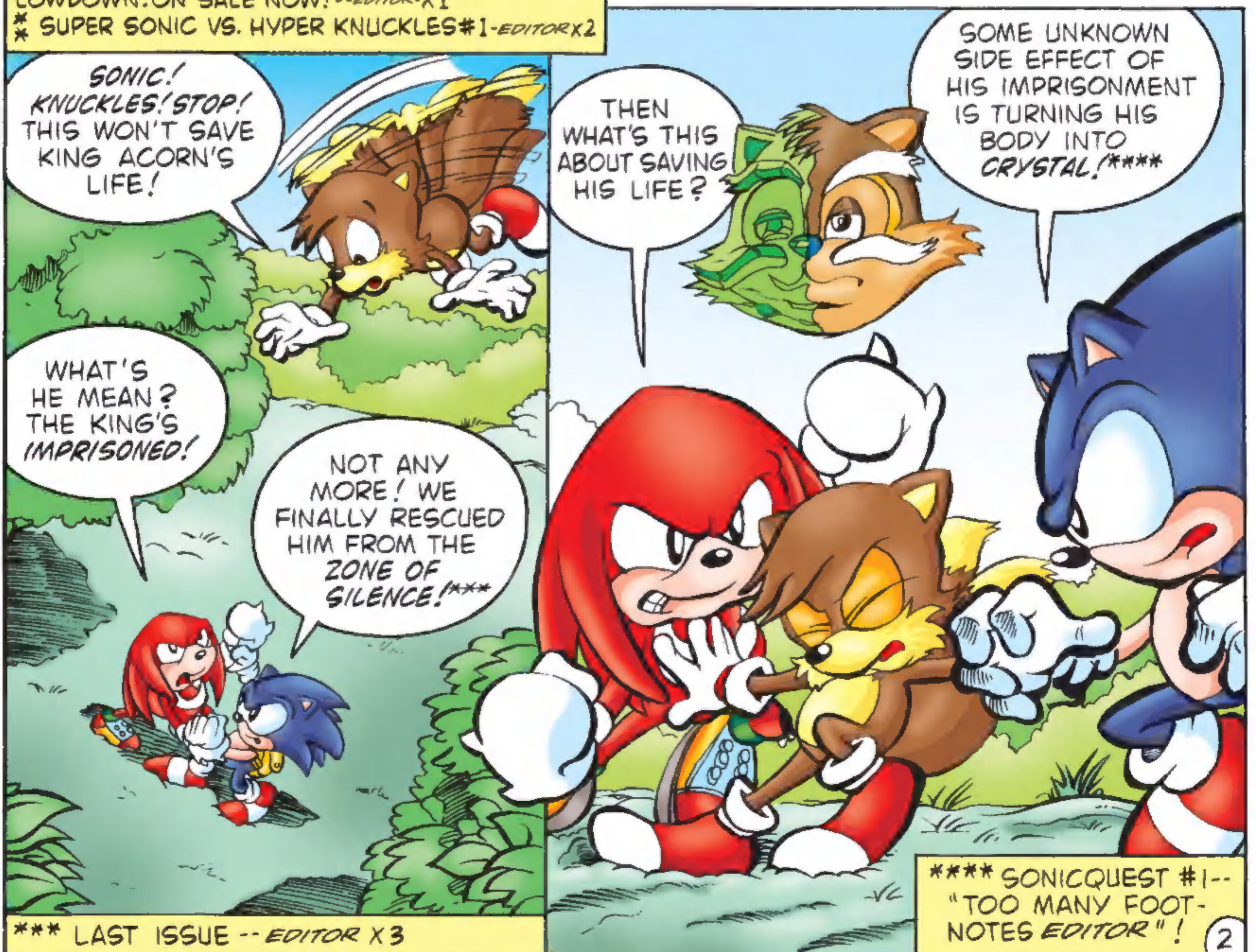
I'VE GOTTA HAVE IT -- THE FATE OF **MOBIUS** DEPENDS ON IT!

"IN EVERY KINGDOM THERE MUST EXIST A LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 1



*NO, YOU DIDN'T MISS A THING, FANS. READ THE SONICQUEST LIMITED SERIES FOR THE LOWDOWN. ON SALE NOW! --EDITOR X1
 * SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES#1-EDITOR X2



"WE TRIED TO USE A *POWER RING* TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH, BUT IT FAILED!*

* SONICQUEST #1 -- EDITOR

"AND WHEN TAILS SAID HE LOOKED LIKE A *CHAOS EMERALD**, I FIGURED MAYBE A REAL ONE WOULD DO THE TRICK!"

BESIDES, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COULD USE ITS *POWER* AGAINST BUTTNIK'S NEW KICK-BUTT INVENTIONS!

IF IT'S *POWER* YOU NEED, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET MORE *RINGS* FROM THE *GROTTO*?

WE GOT THE ONES ROBOTNIK--
=MMPH!=

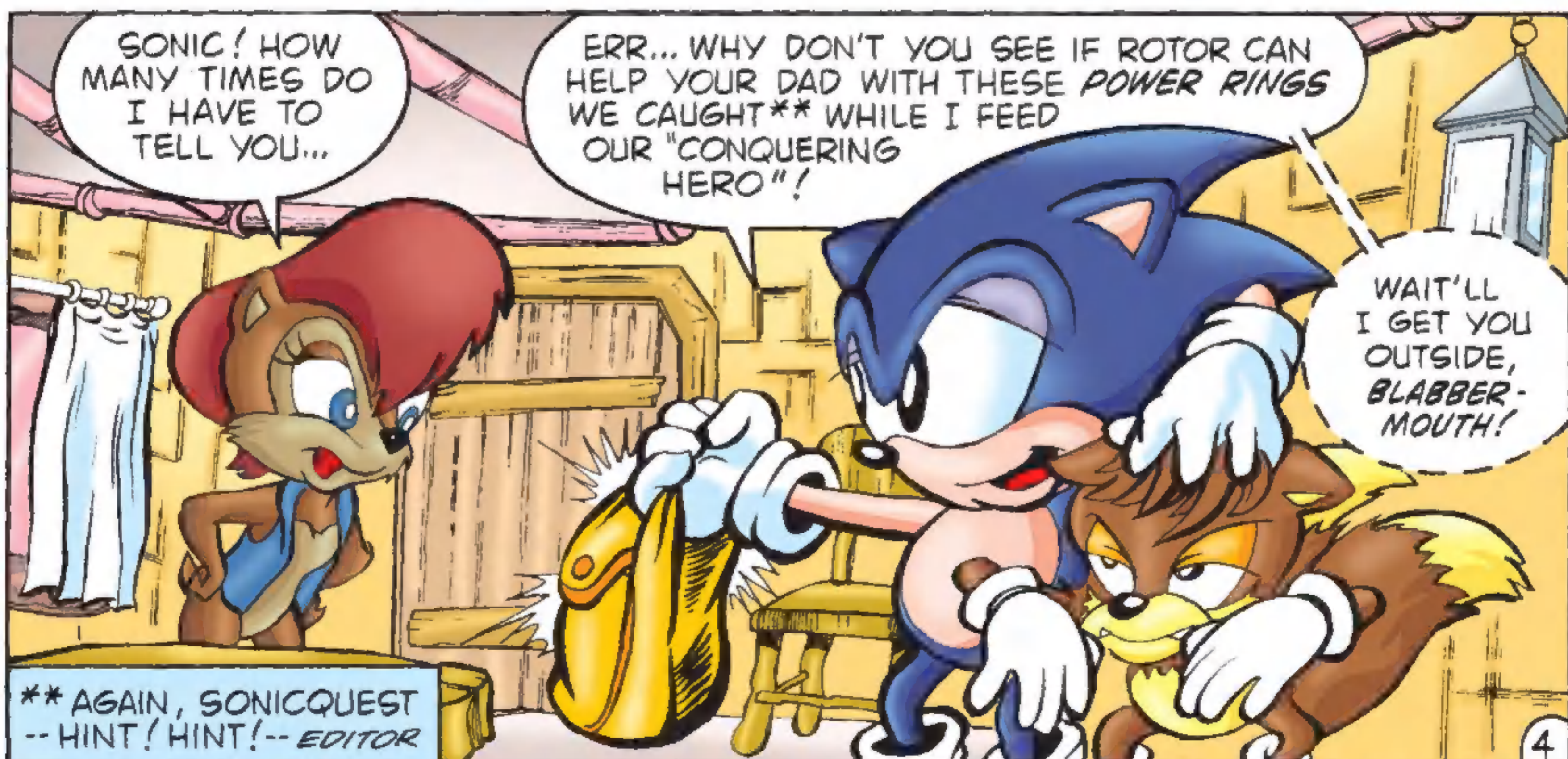
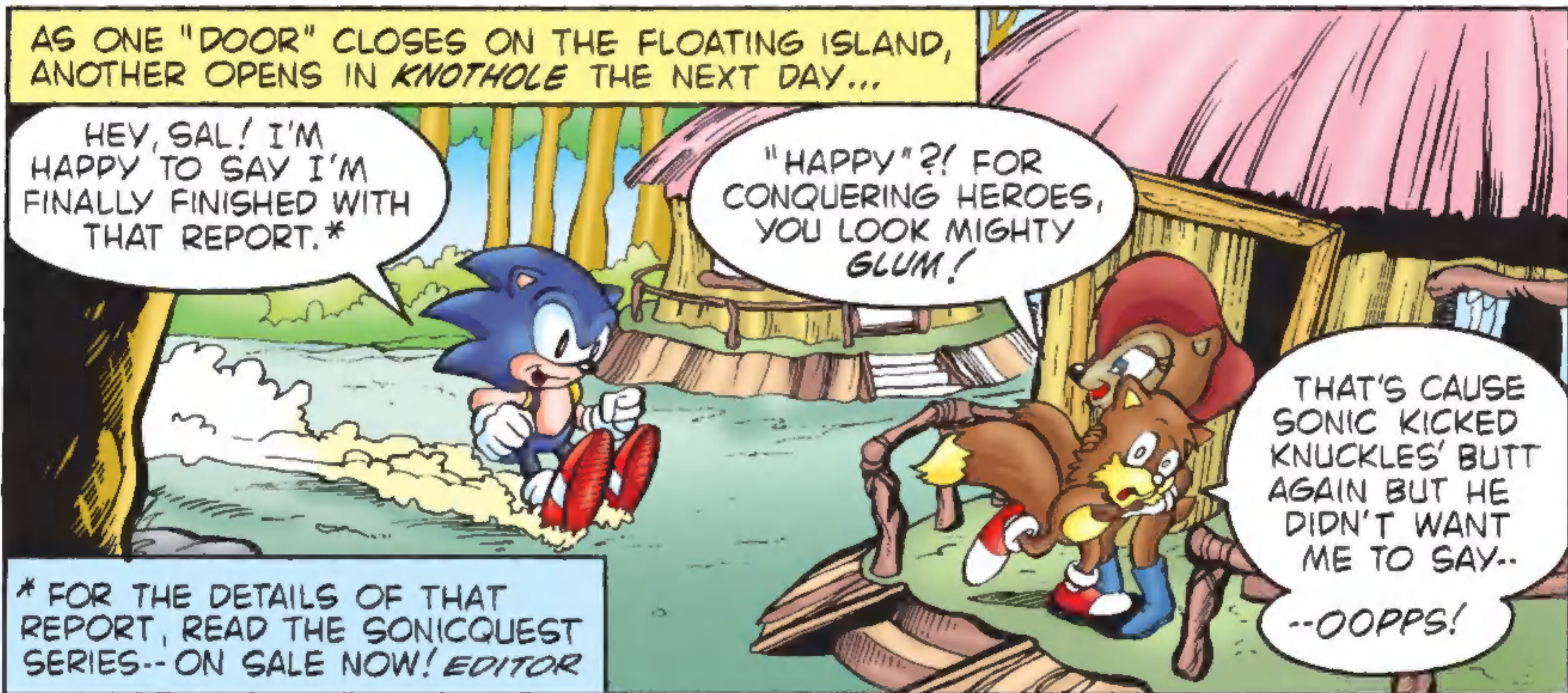
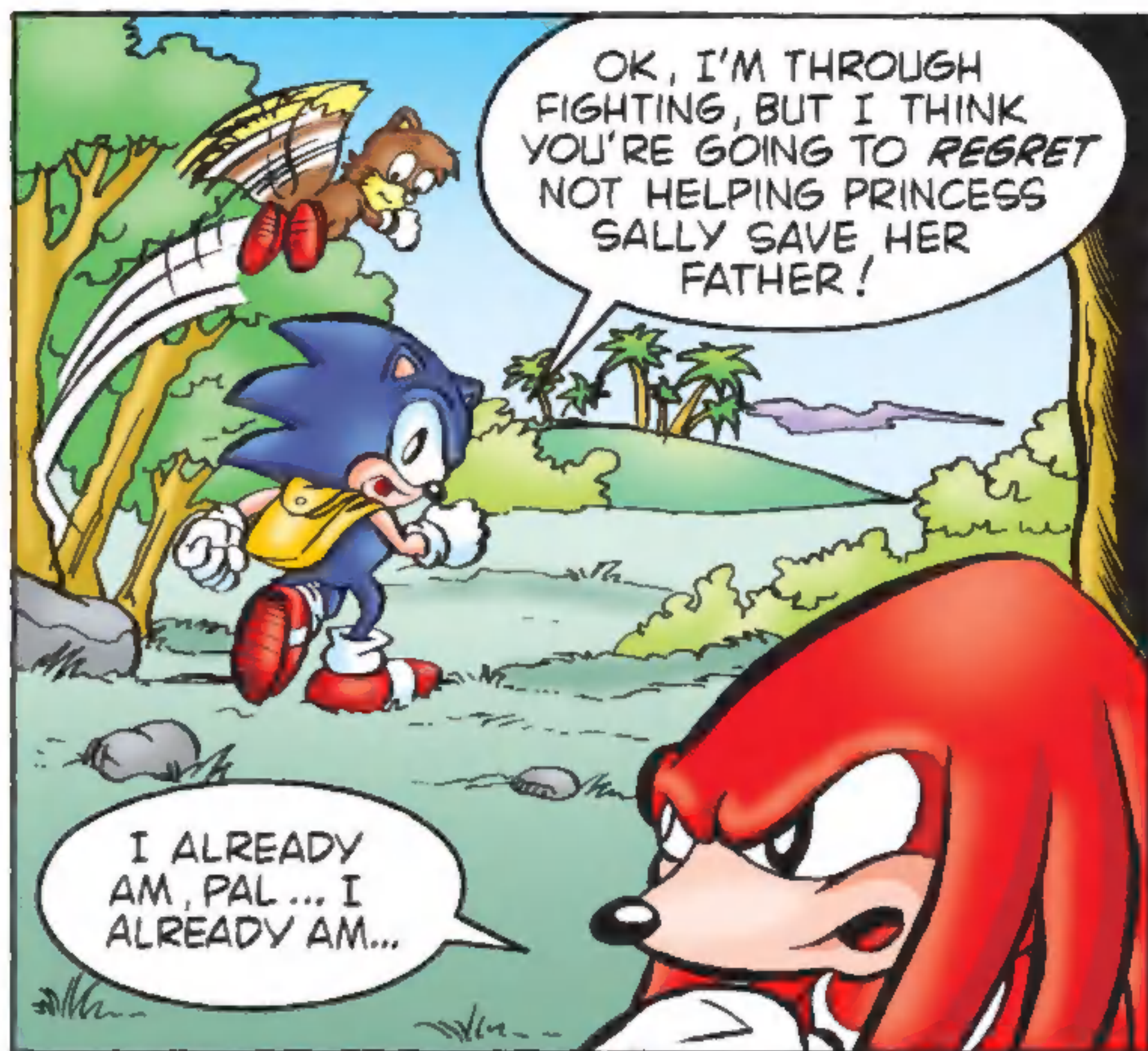
WHAT HE MEANS IS WE TRIED, BUT BUTTNIK** SUCKED IT DRY!

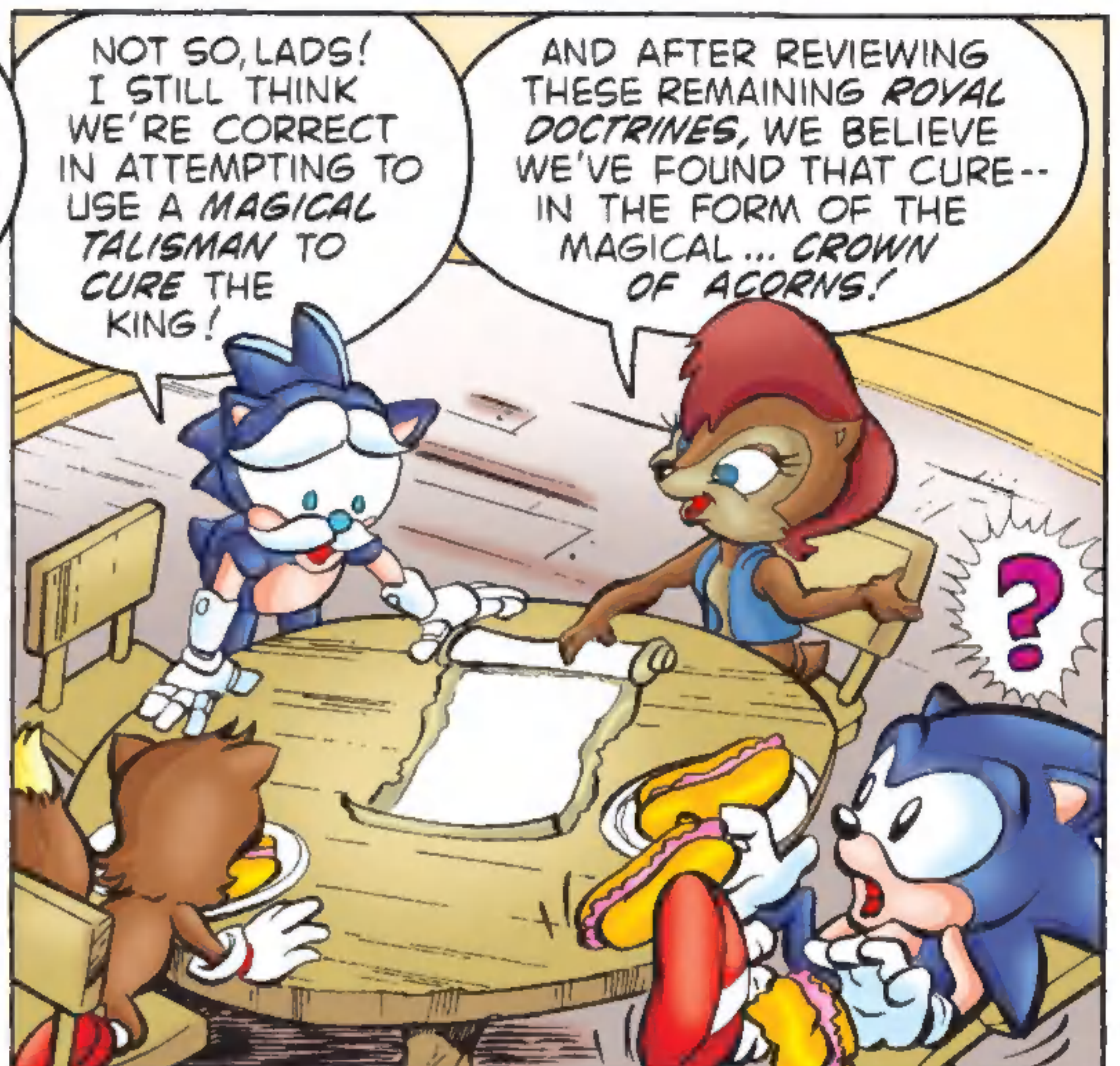
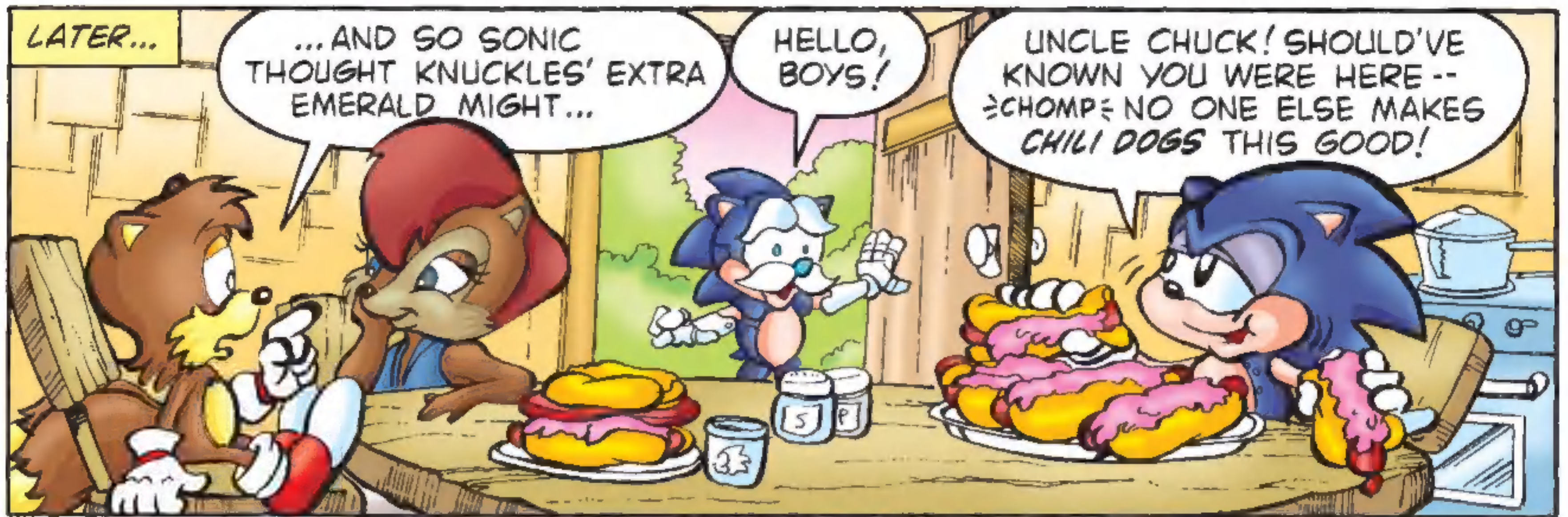
SORRY I WAS HASTY, BUT NOW YOU KNOW I'VE GOTTA HAVE THAT *EMERALD*!

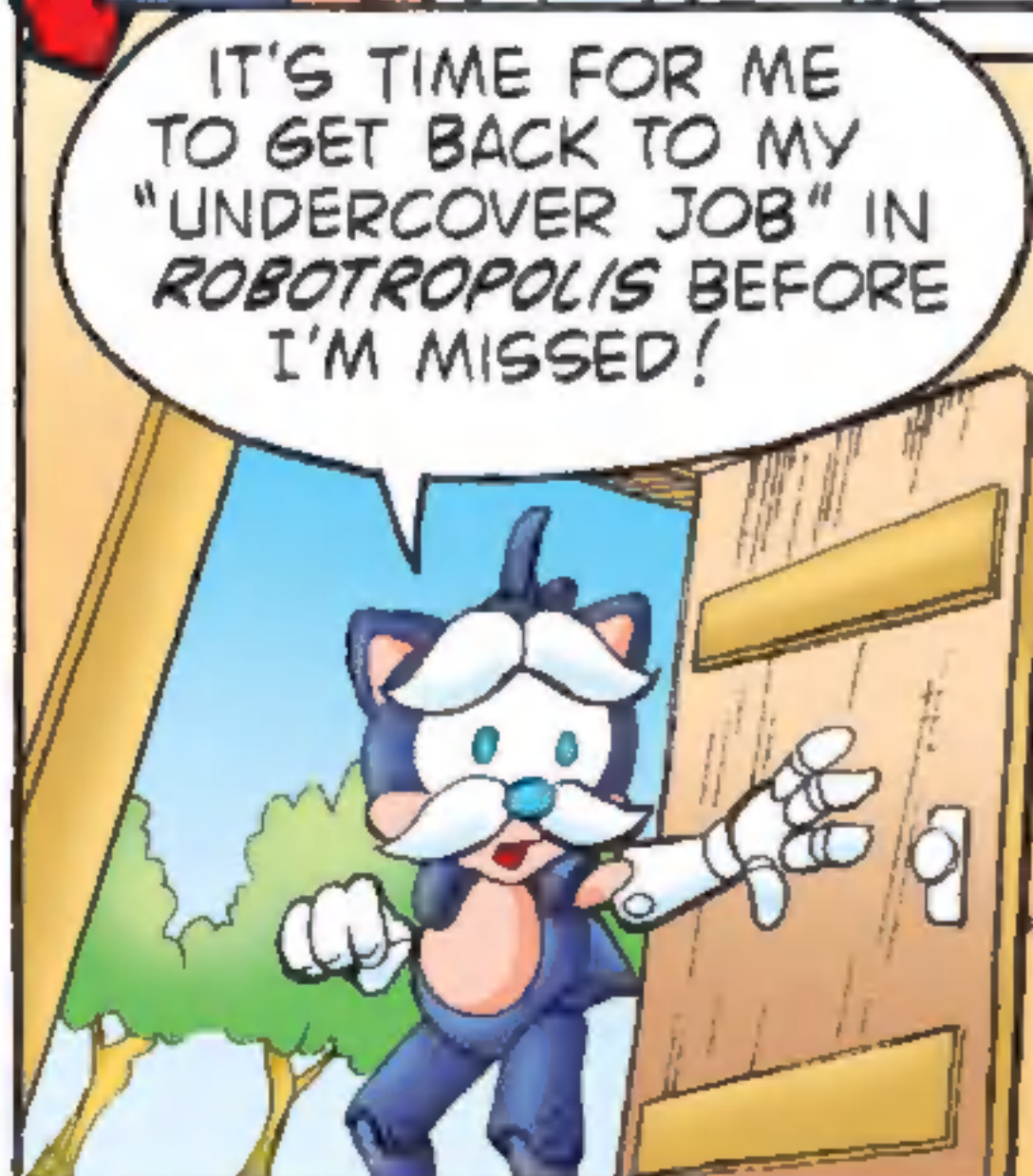
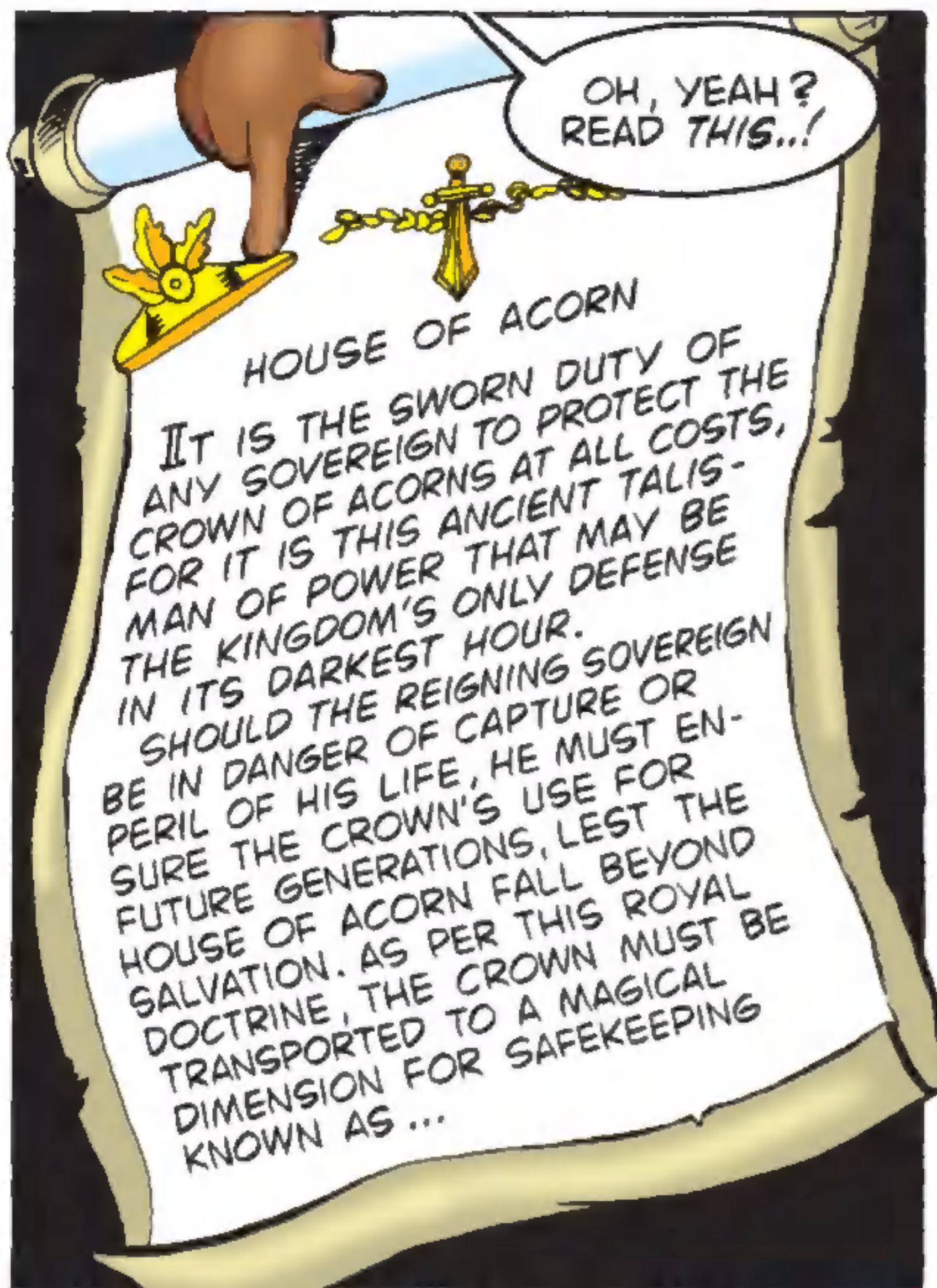
APOLOGY ACCEPTED!

BUT EVEN THOUGH I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THE KING FROM MY YOUTH...

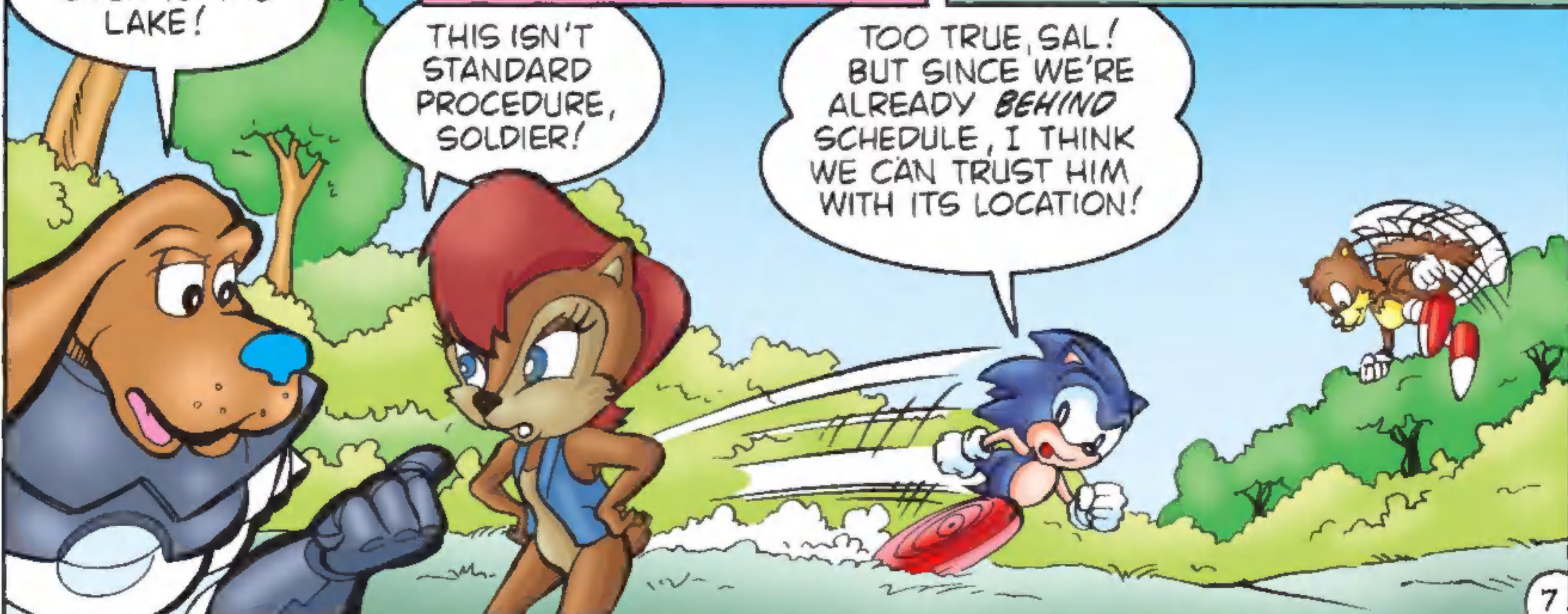
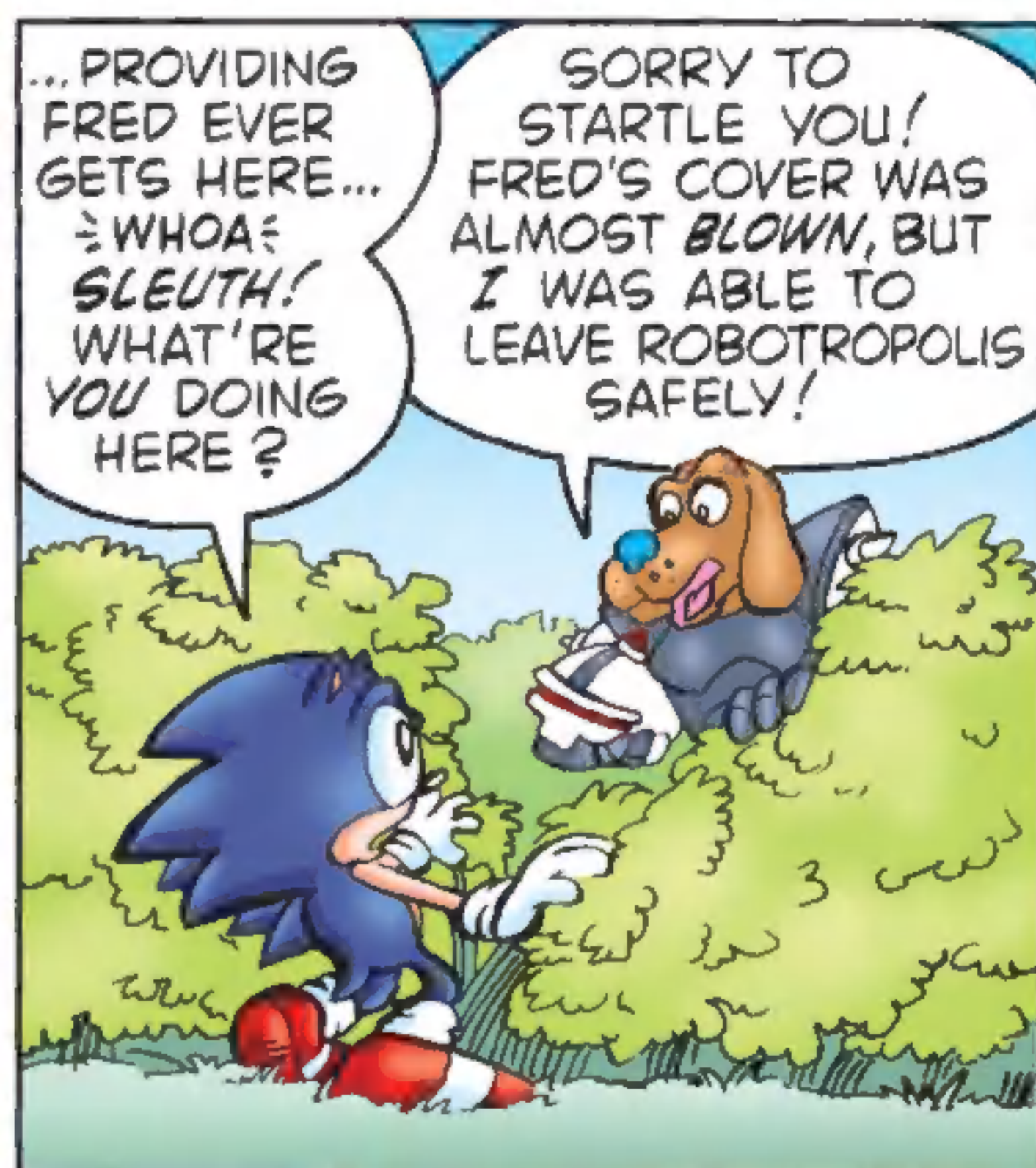
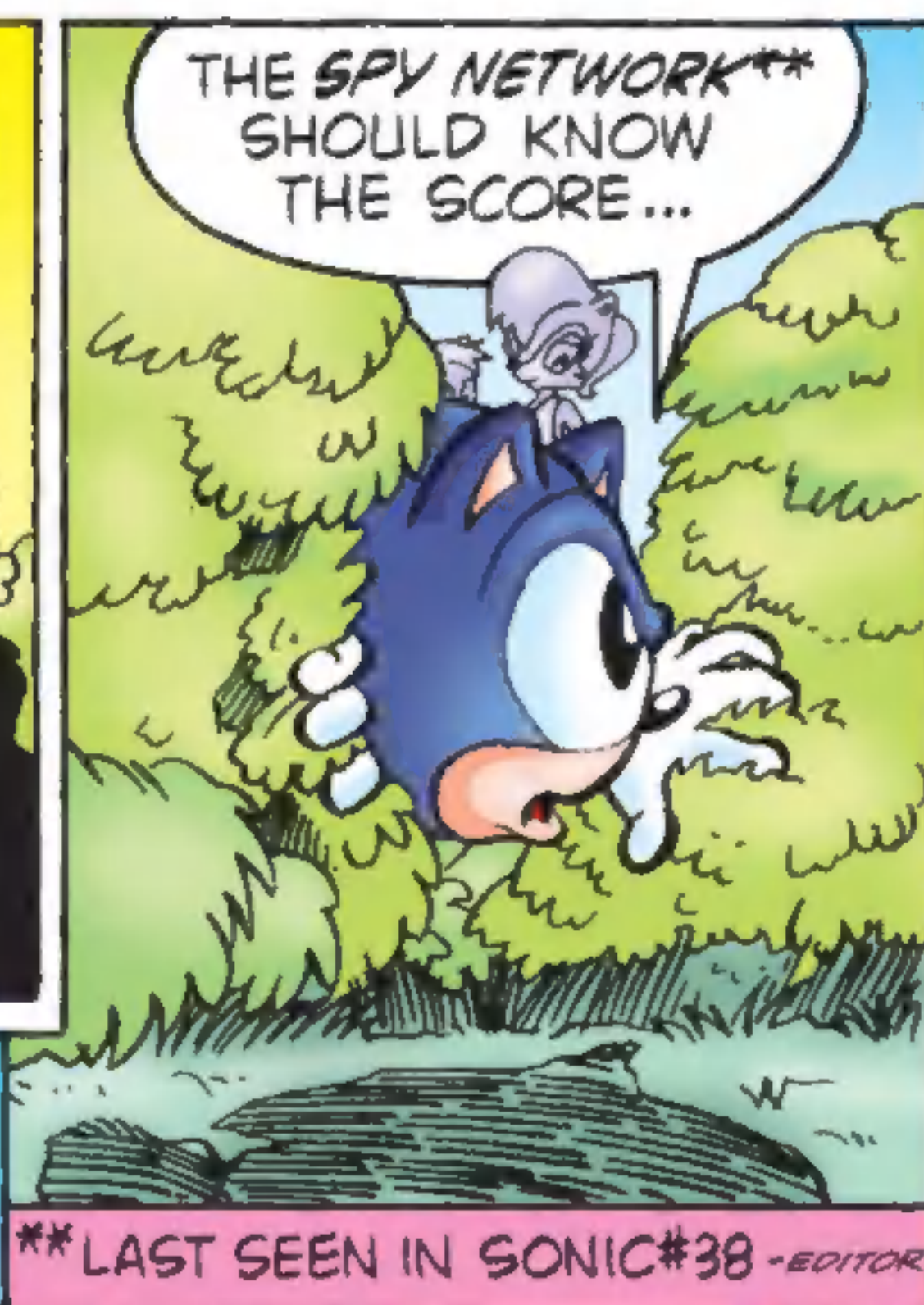
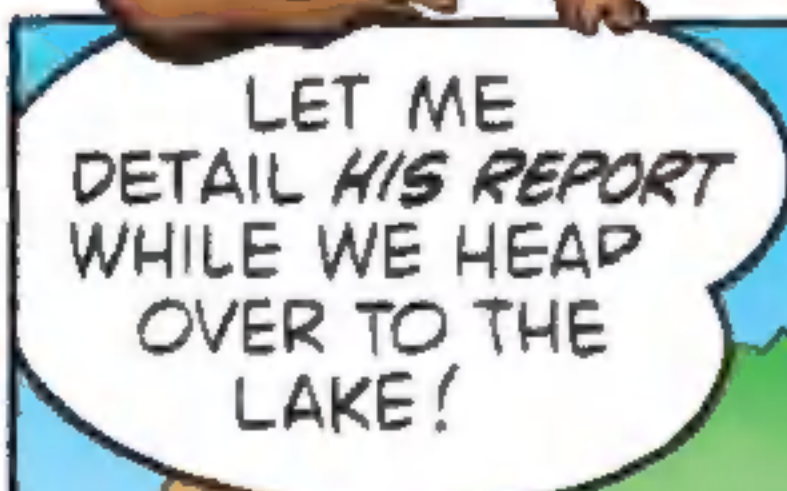
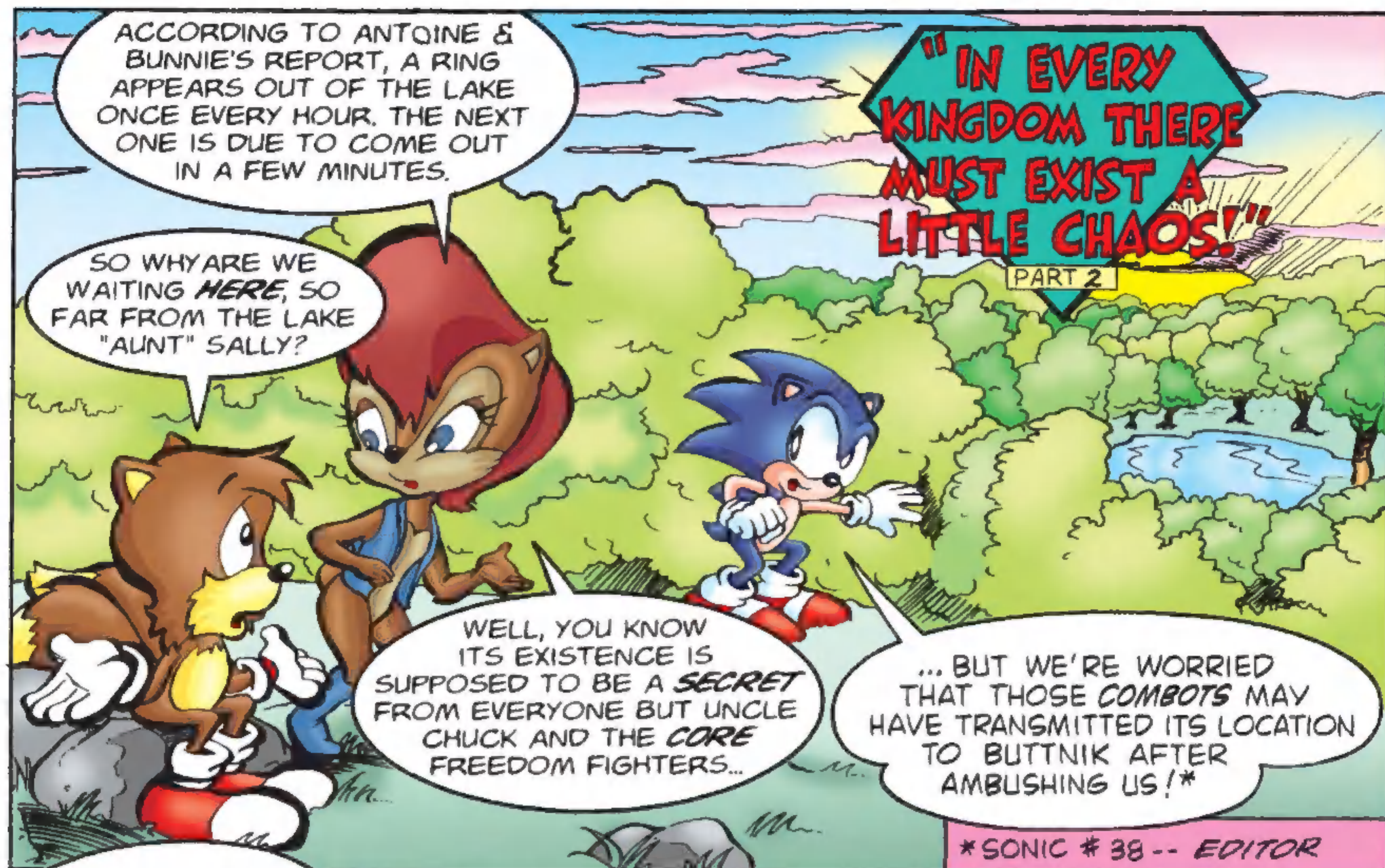
** AGAIN, SONICQUEST #1 -- EDITOR

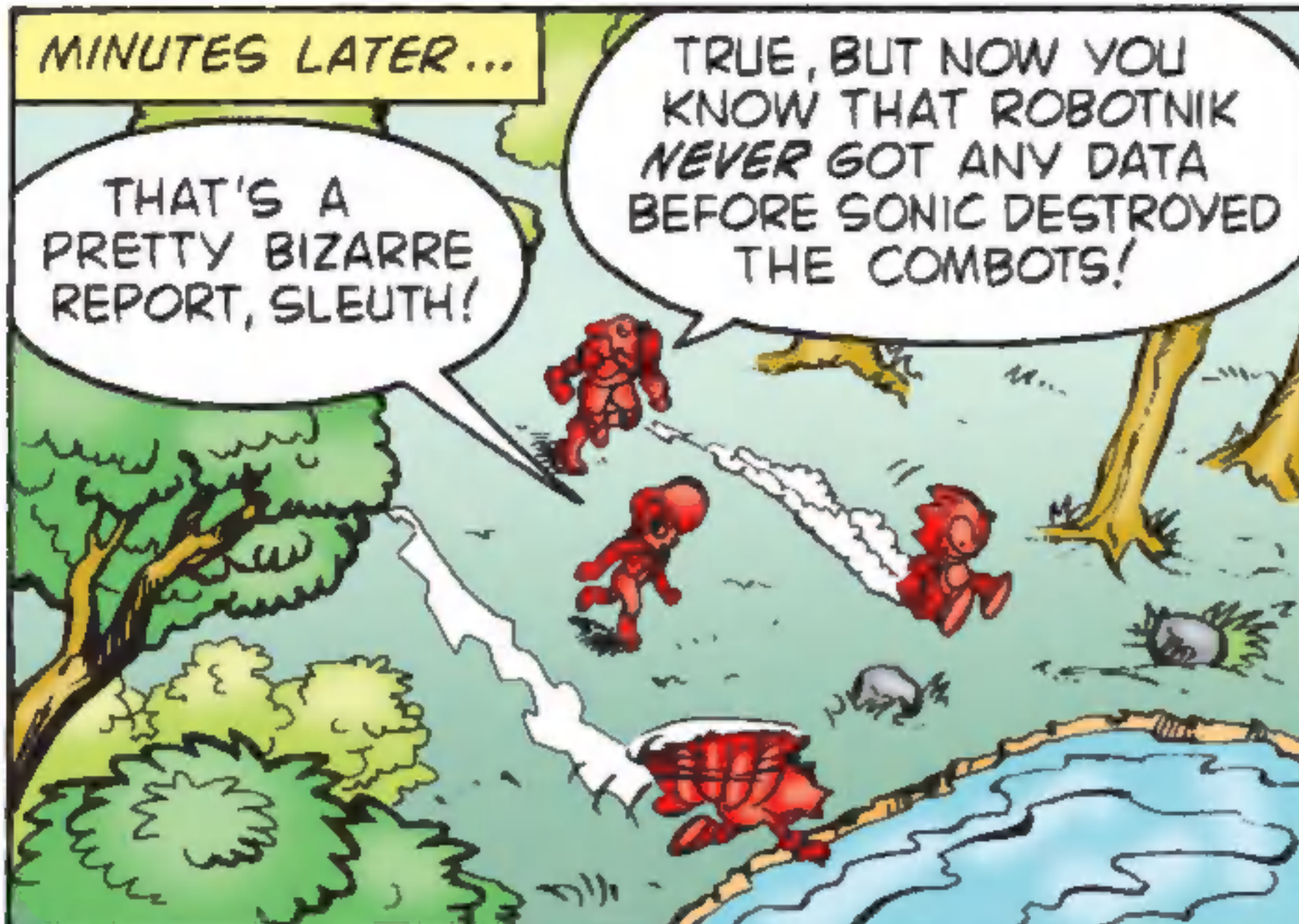


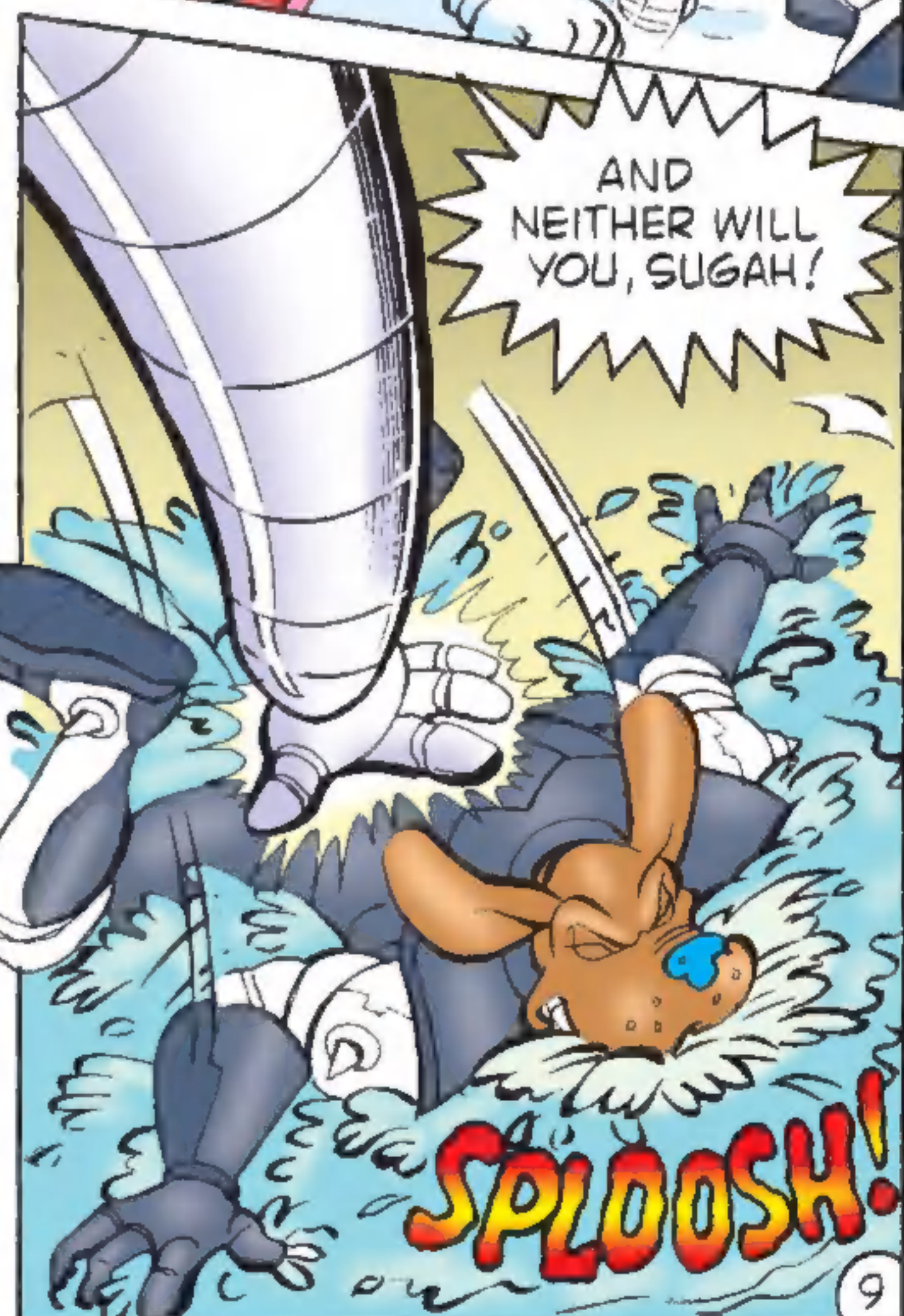
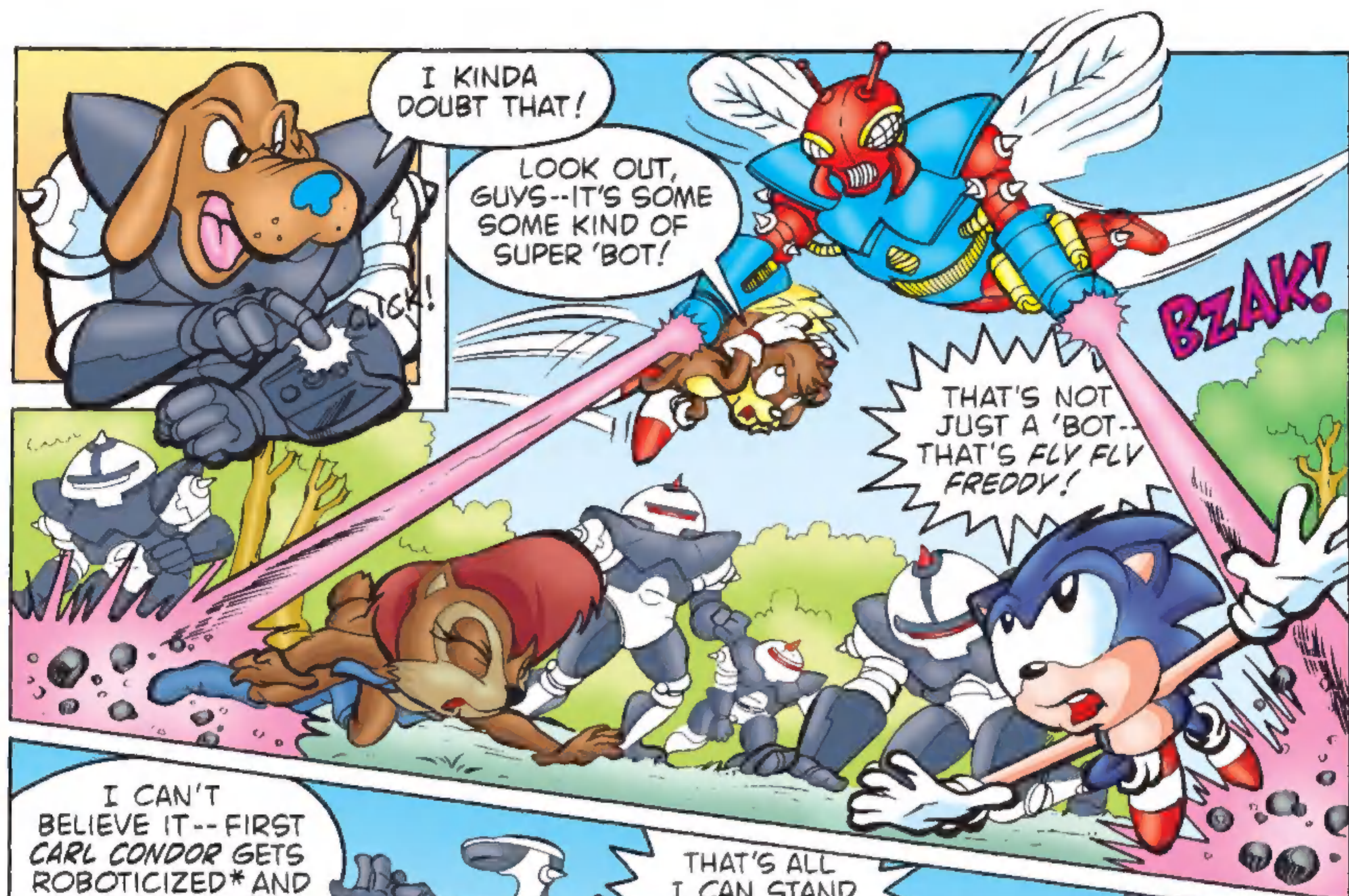


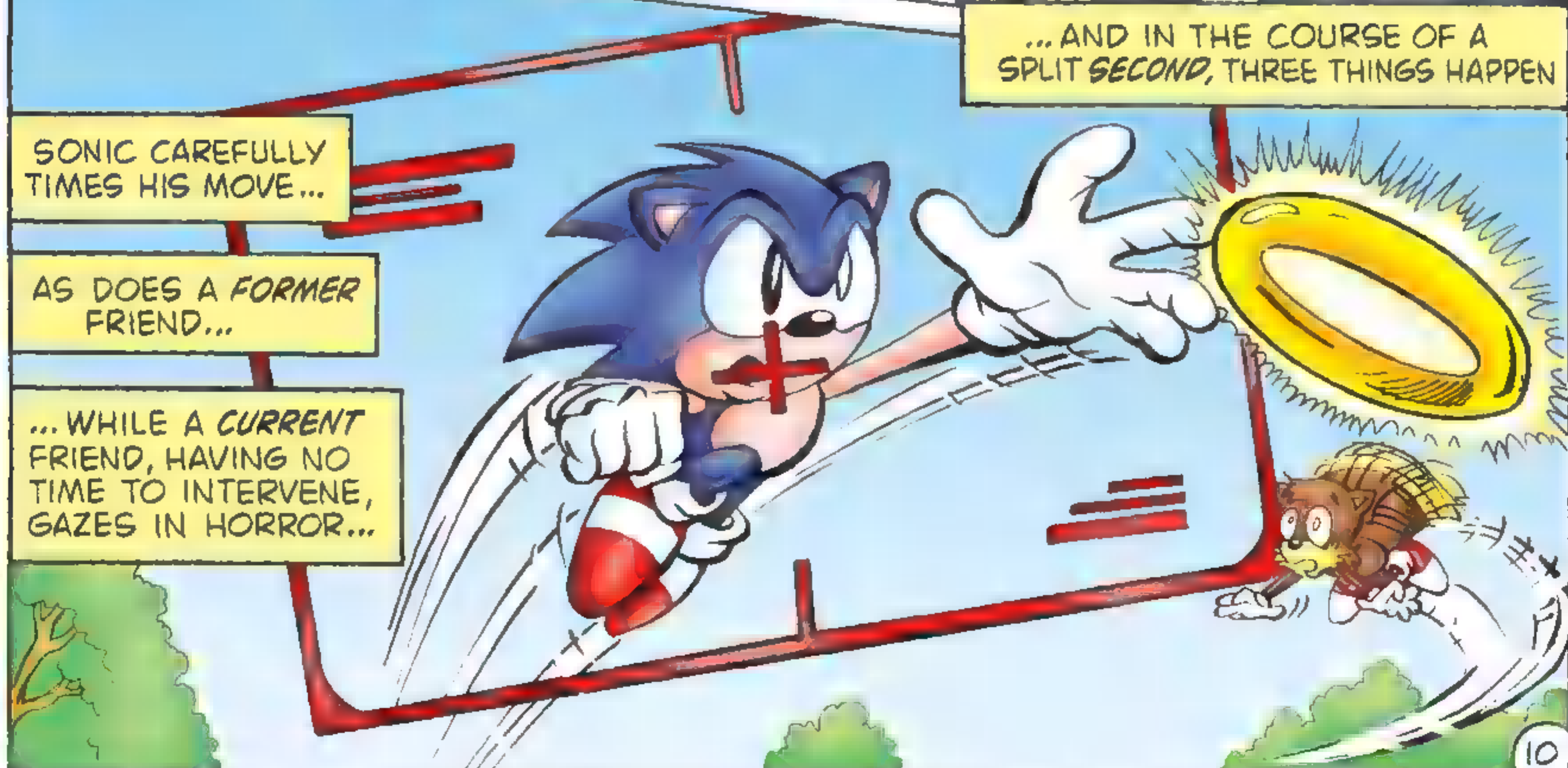
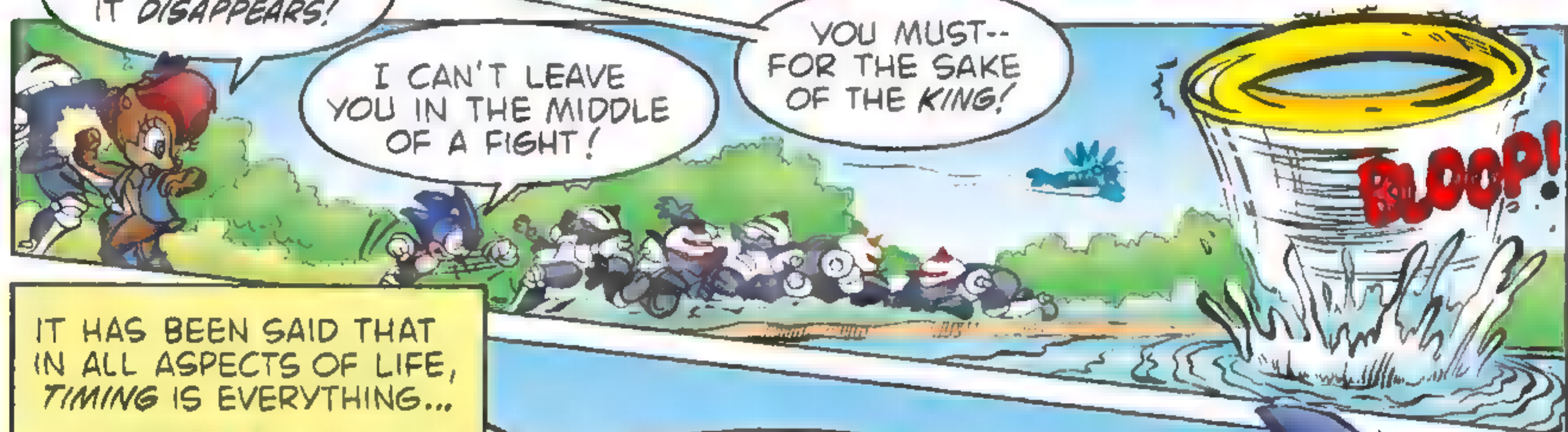
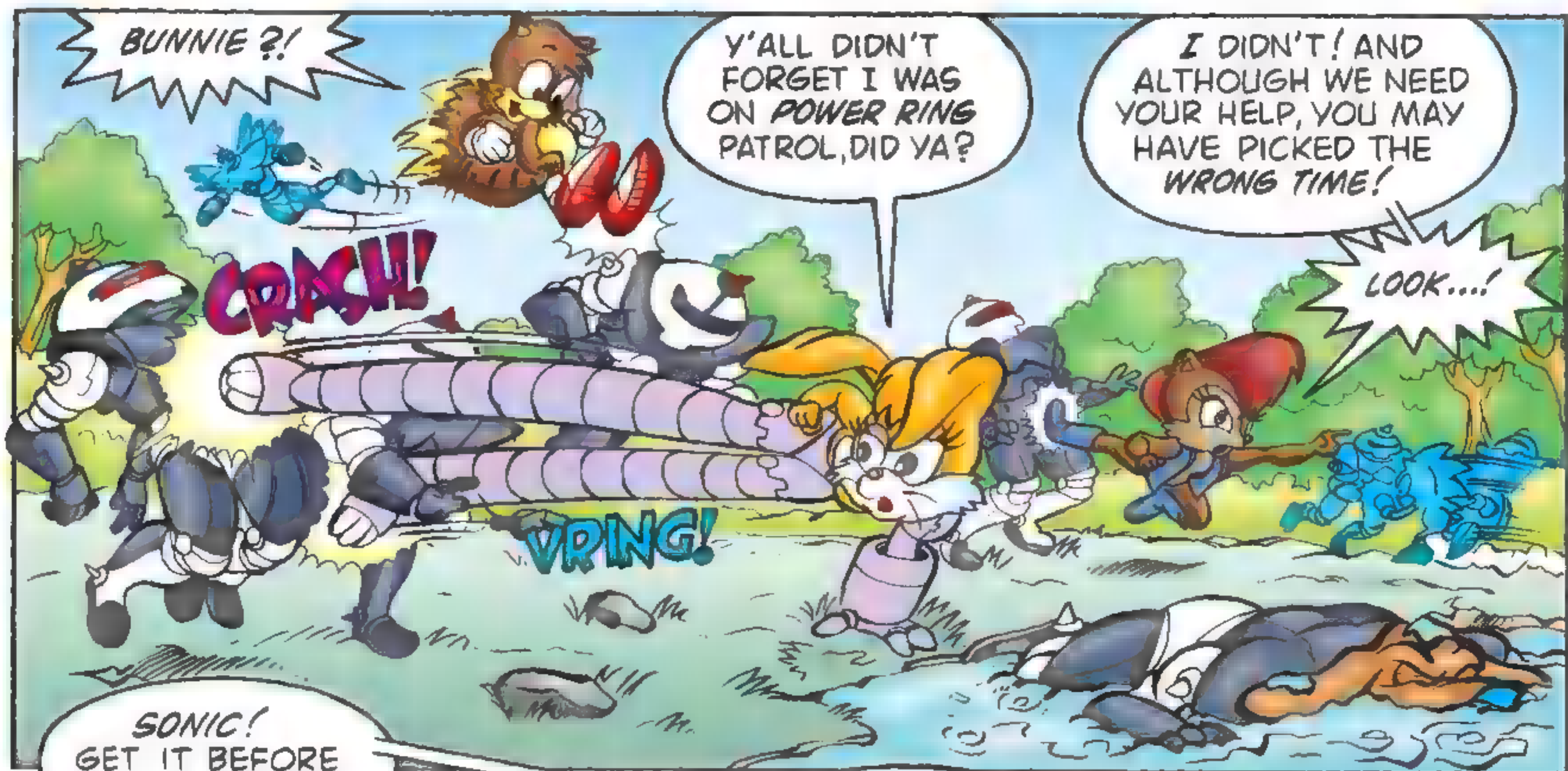


END OF PART 1









THANKFULLY, THE DAWNING OF A NEW FRIENDSHIP IS WELL-TIMED FOR THE NEXT SECOND WITH SONIC REAPING THE REWARDS!



I'M JUST IN TIME!

ZORDH!

KRASHE

FUNNY, THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY!

I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY-- "ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM ABOVE!"

I ONCE SAID THAT AND THEN A PIGEON FLEW OVER MY HEAD...!

MIGHT I REMIND YOU COMEDIANS, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE?!

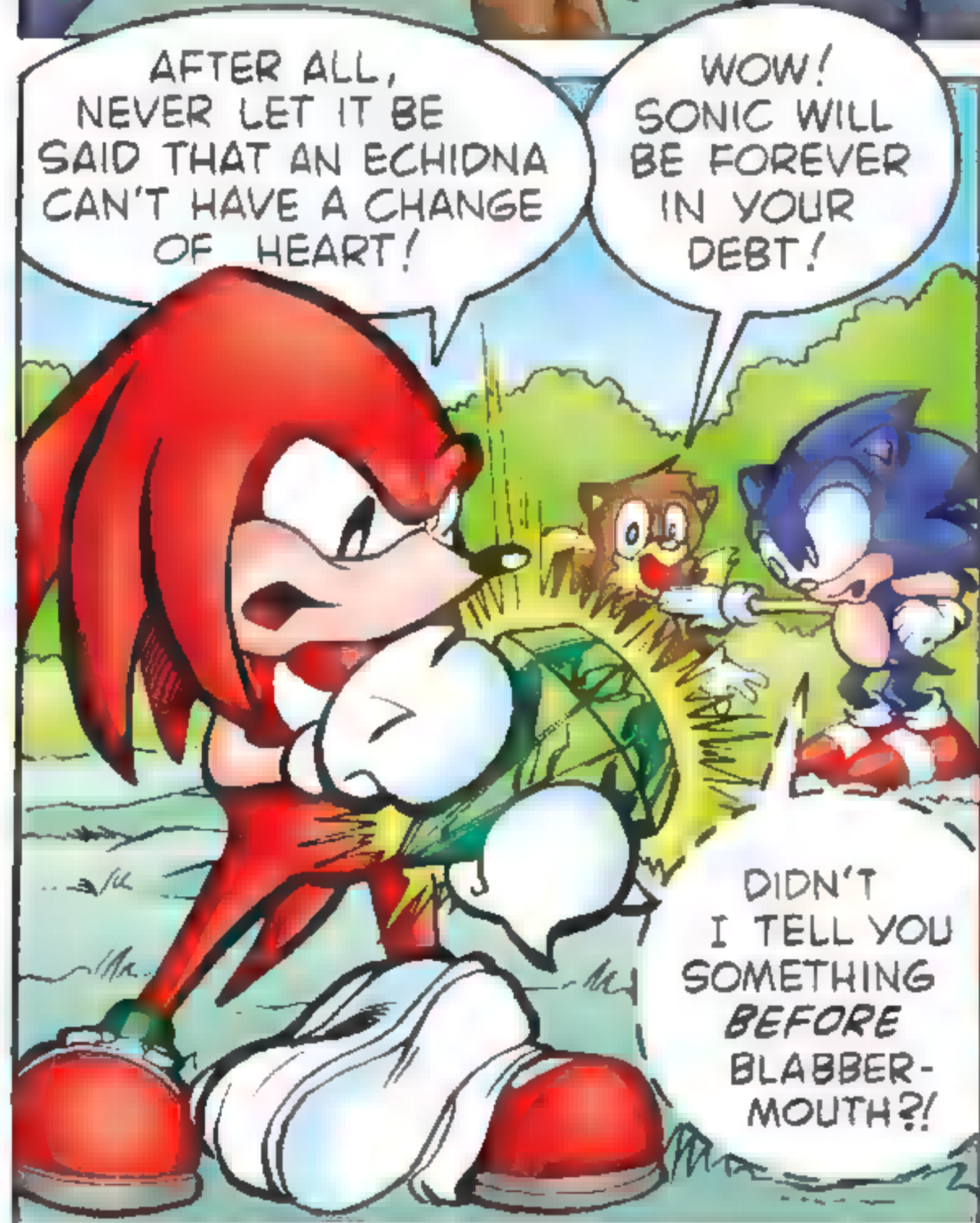
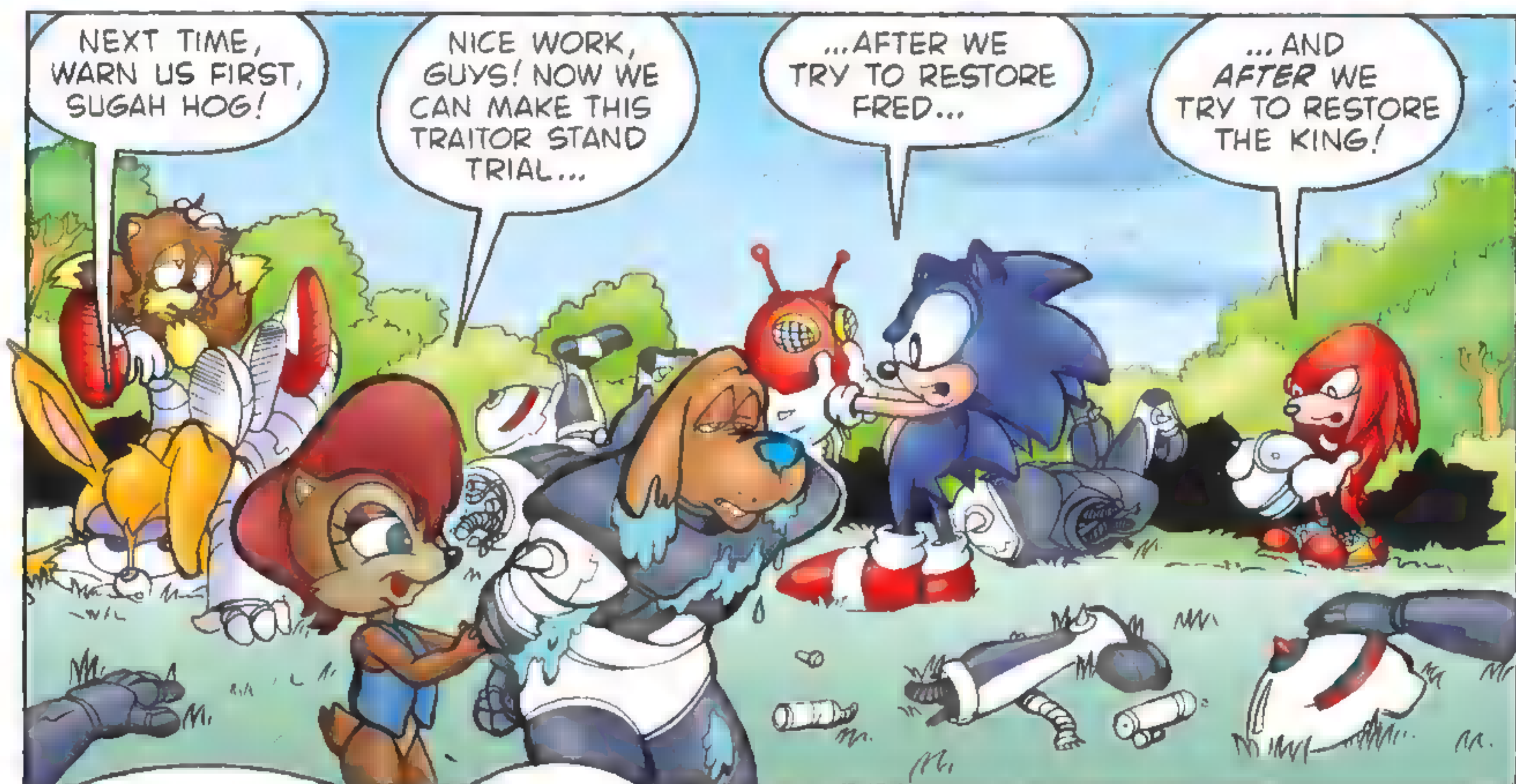
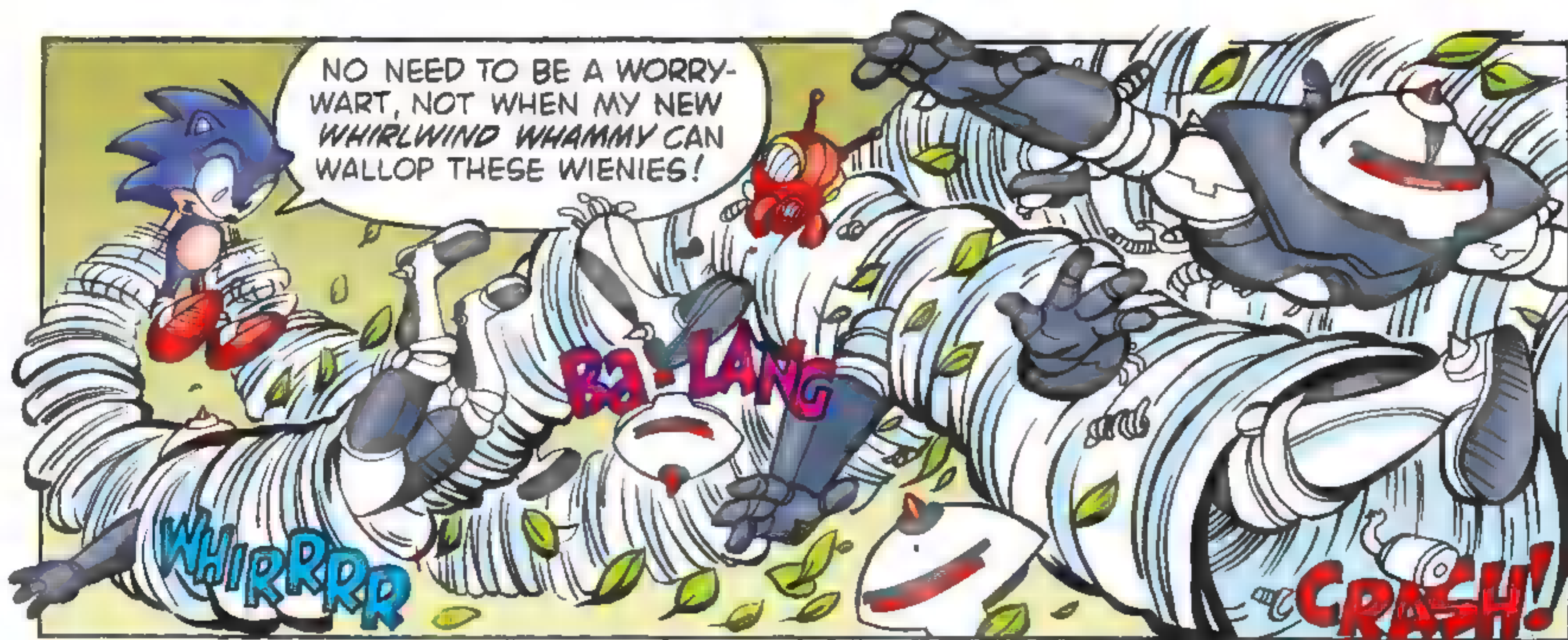
MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT NOT ONLY AM I FAST ON MY FEET...

KA-POW!

POW!

POW!

...I'M ALSO WELL-ARMED FOR BATTLE!



SO, THIS IS
WHAT'S LEFT OF
THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL
KINGDOM OF ACORN?!
WAR SURE LEAVES
ITS SCARS!

I'LL GIVE
YOU THE NICKEL
TOUR LATER!

RIGHT NOW
I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT BROUGHT
YOU HERE?

**"IN EVERY
KINGDOM THERE
MUST EXIST A
LITTLE CHAOS!"**

THAT WAS MY
DOING, SONIC!

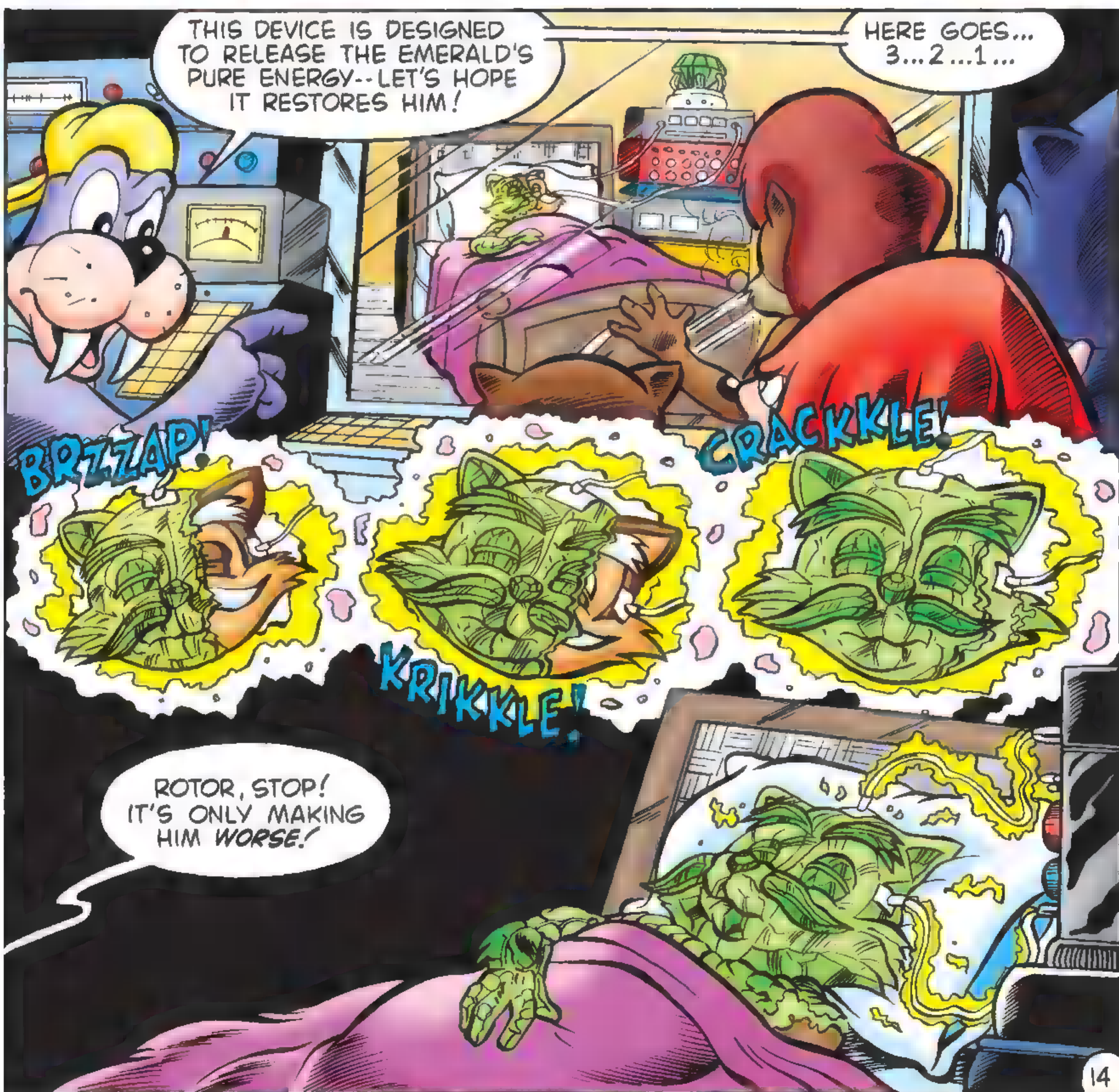
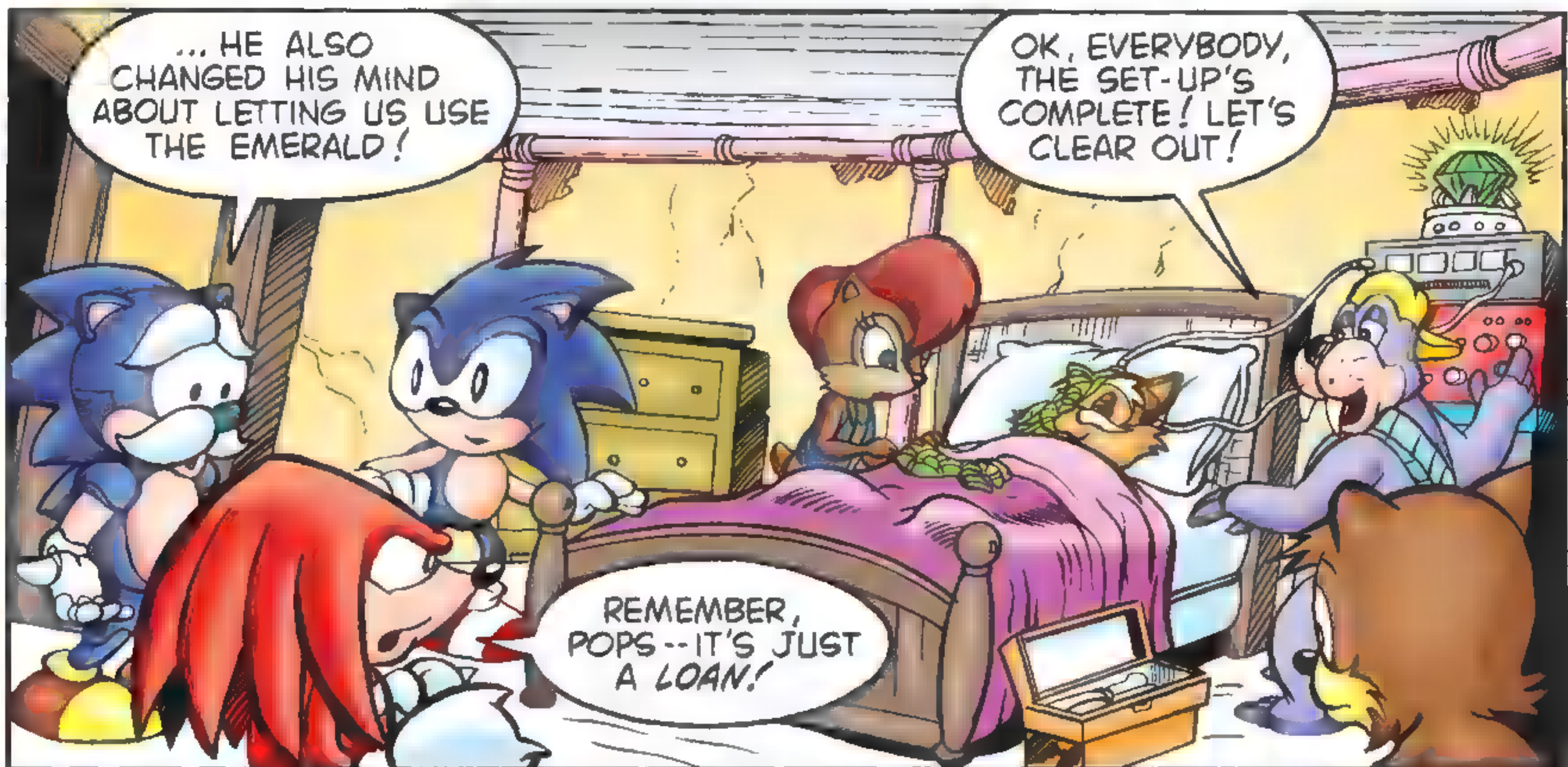
"FOR SOME TIME I'VE
SUSPECTED THERE MAY BE
A **DOUBLE AGENT** IN OUR
SPY NETWORK...

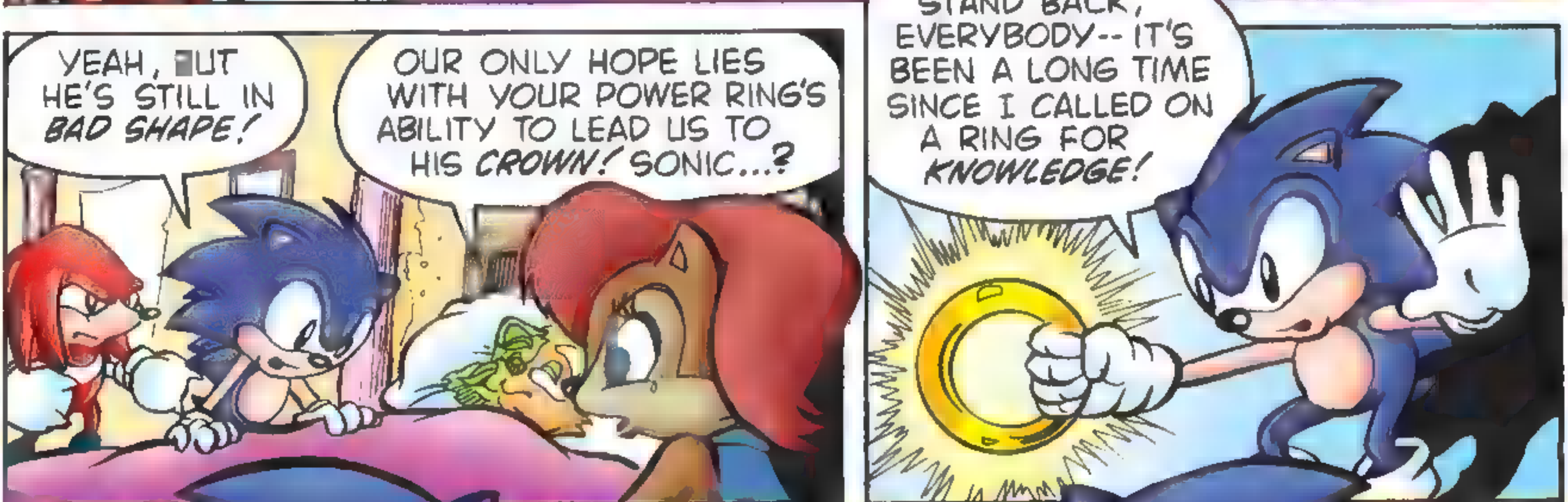
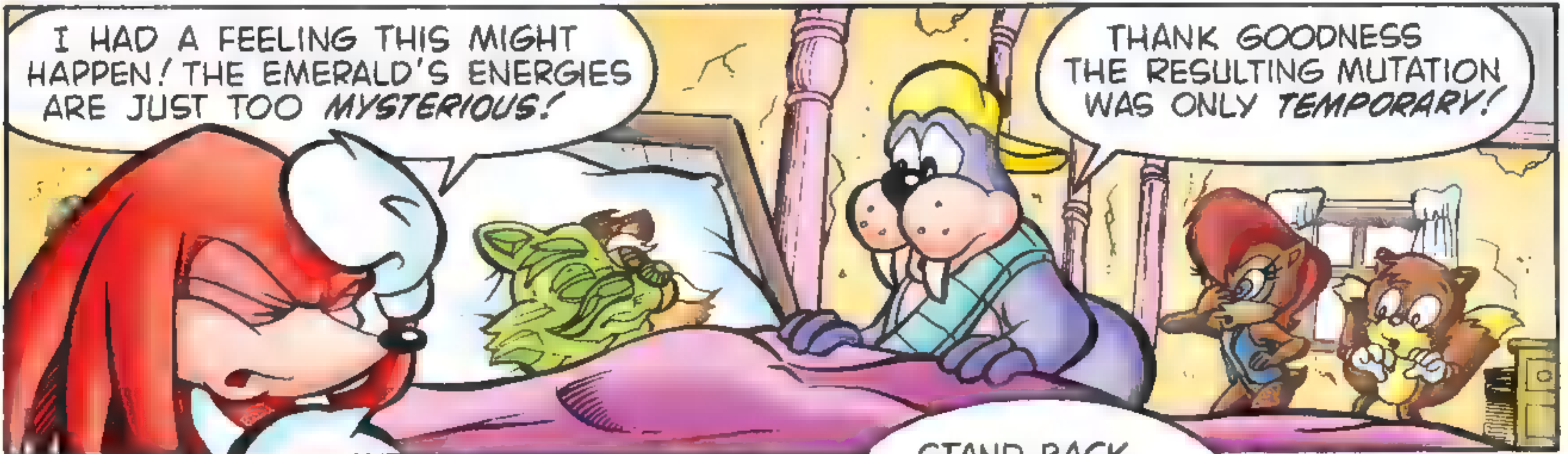
"... AND MY FEARS WERE CONFIRMED WHEN
FRED FAILED TO REPORT FOR ORDERS...

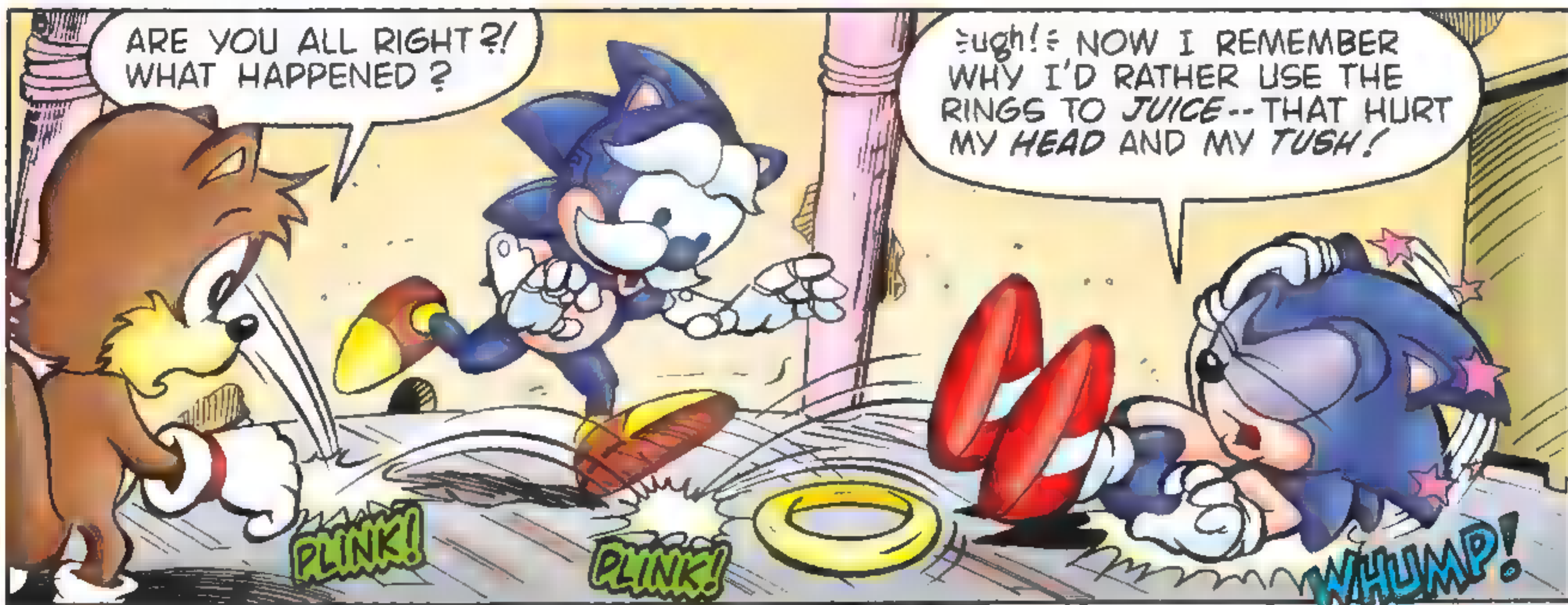
"NOT KNOWING WHO I COULD NOW
TRUST, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO CALL
ON **OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**...

"USING AN **OUTDATED AND UNTRACEABLE**
FREQUENCY, I RADIOED **KNUCKLES**...

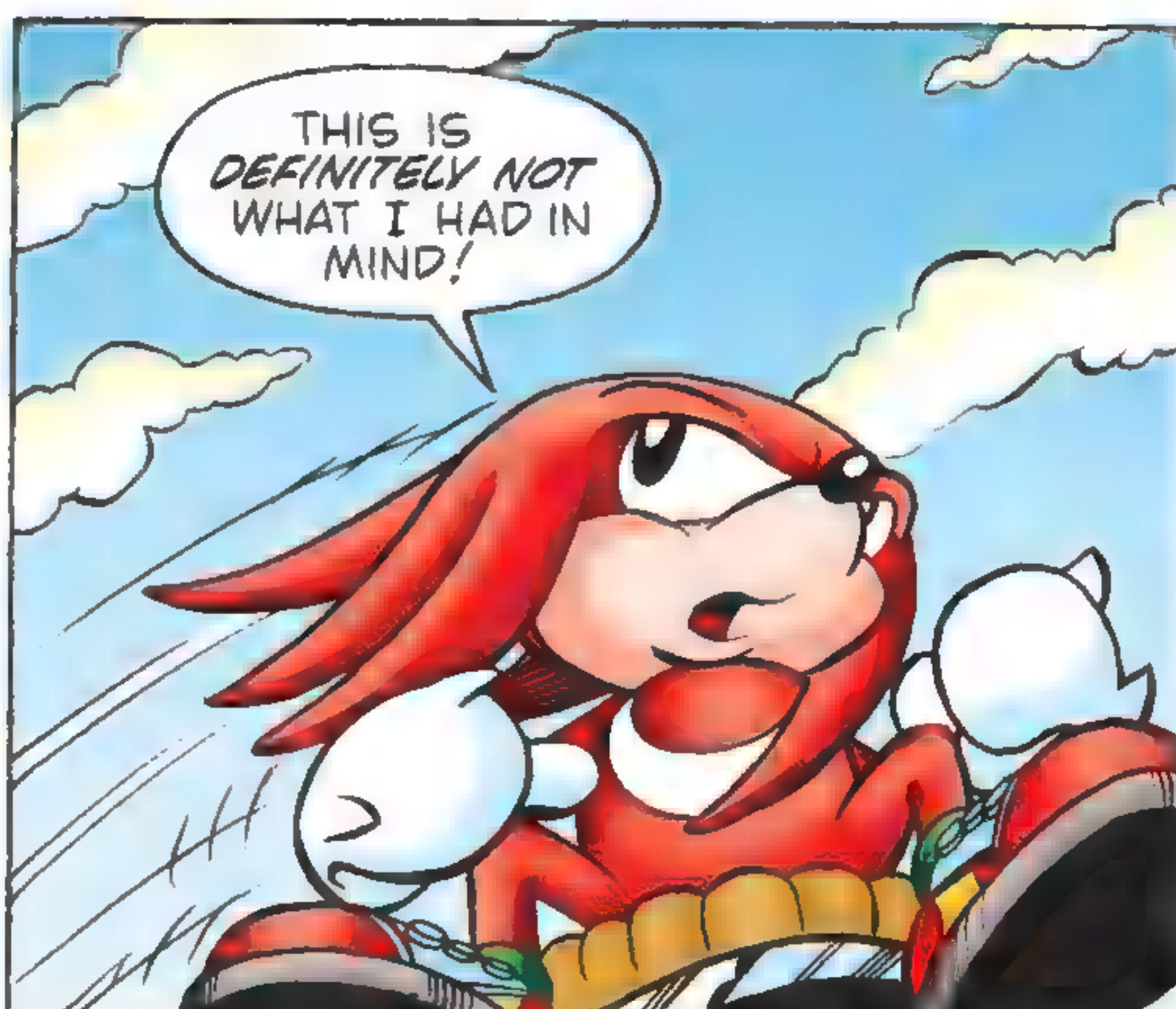
"NOT ONLY DID HE
AGREE TO HELP..."







KNUCKLES QUEST BEGINS THIS ISSUE!
FLIP THE PAGES AND ENJOY!



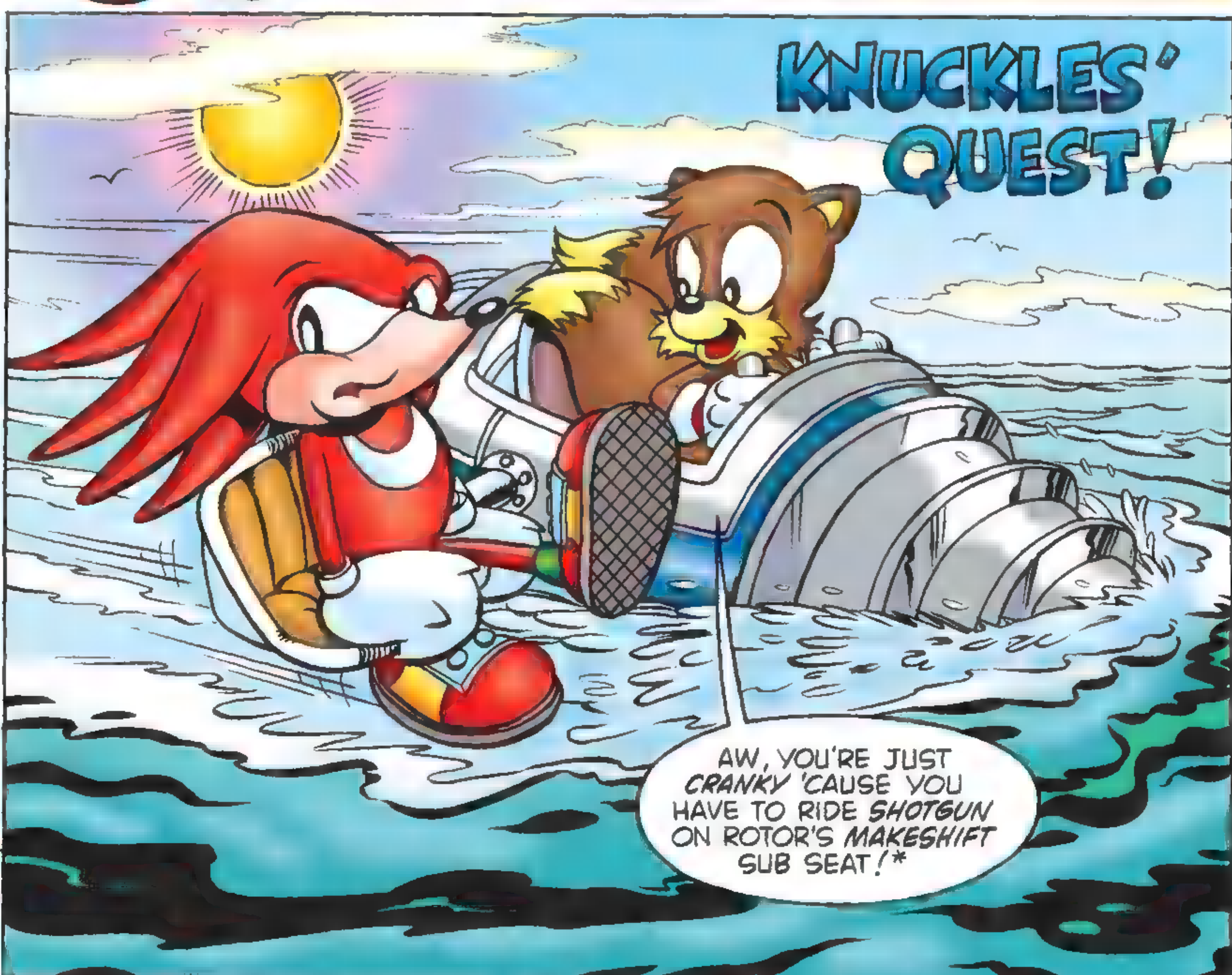
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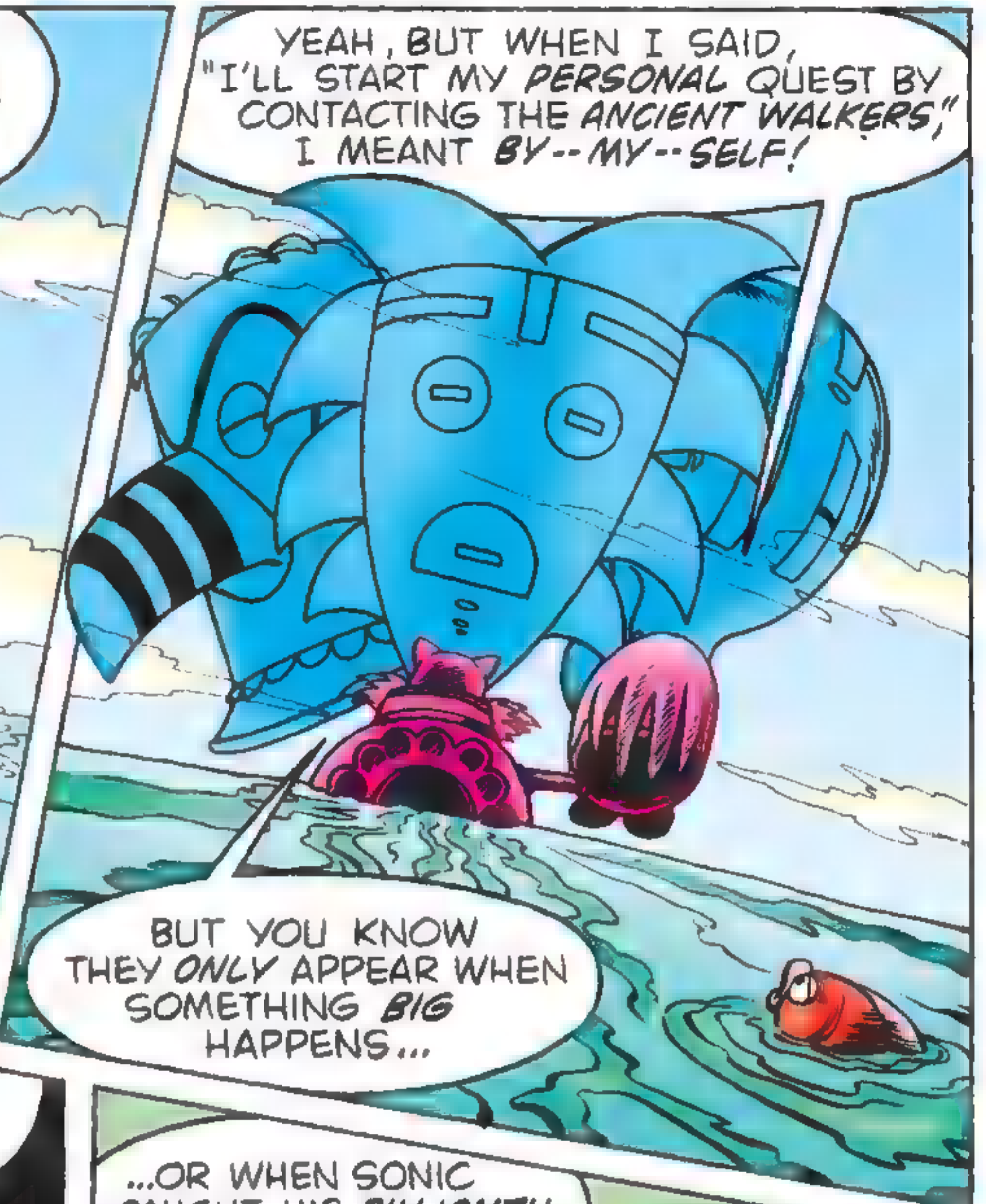
KNUCKLES' QUEST!



*EVERYONE REMEMBER THE SEA FOX FROM TAILS' MINI-SERIES? -EDITOR



BESIDES, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID, "IF I'M GOING TO FIND A MAGIC SWORD, I BETTER START BY REACHING OUT TO A GREAT SOURCE OF MAGIC!"

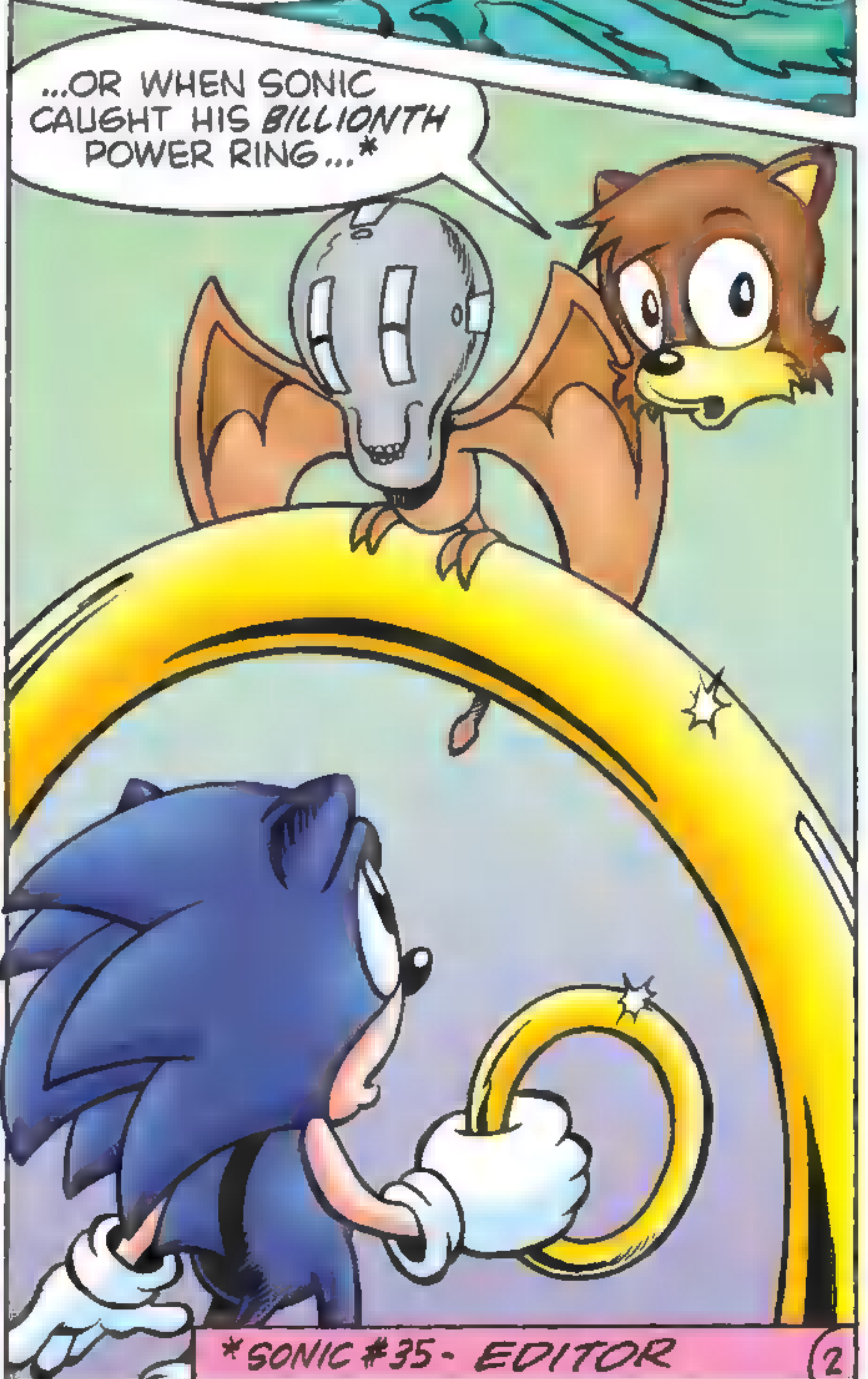


YEAH, BUT WHEN I SAID, "I'LL START MY PERSONAL QUEST BY CONTACTING THE ANCIENT WALKERS," I MEANT BY-- MY--SELF!

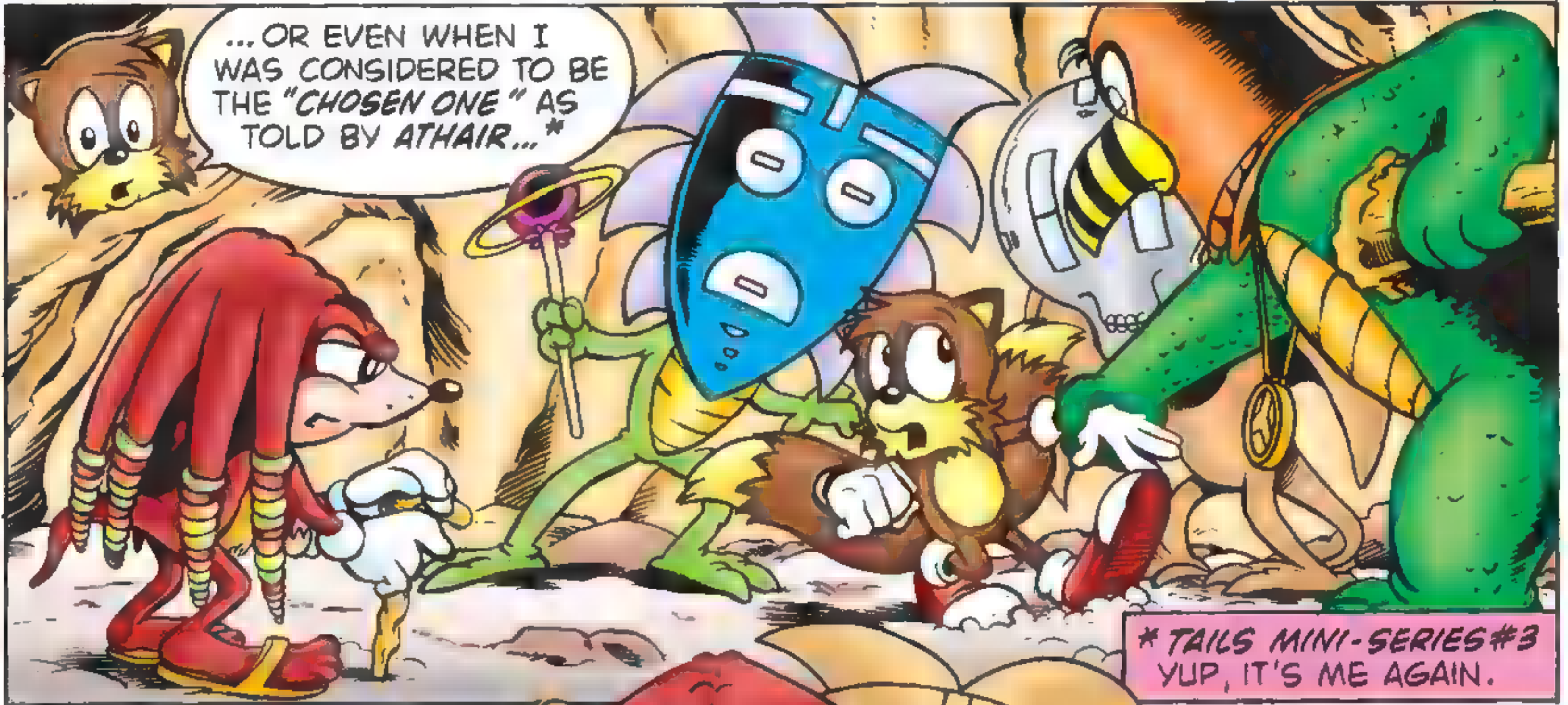
BUT YOU KNOW THEY ONLY APPEAR WHEN SOMETHING BIG HAPPENS...



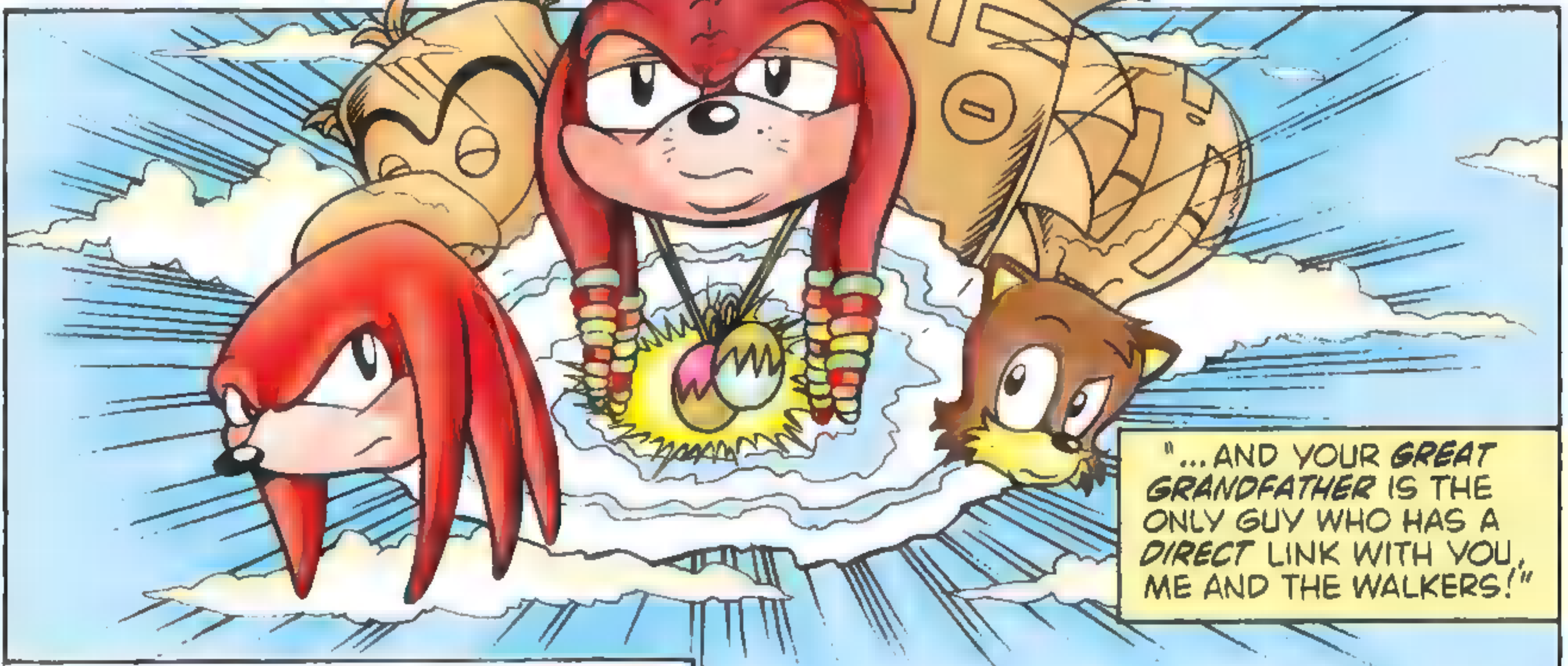
...LIKE THE TIME YOU THOUGHT YOU WENT TO ECHIDNA HEAVEN...*



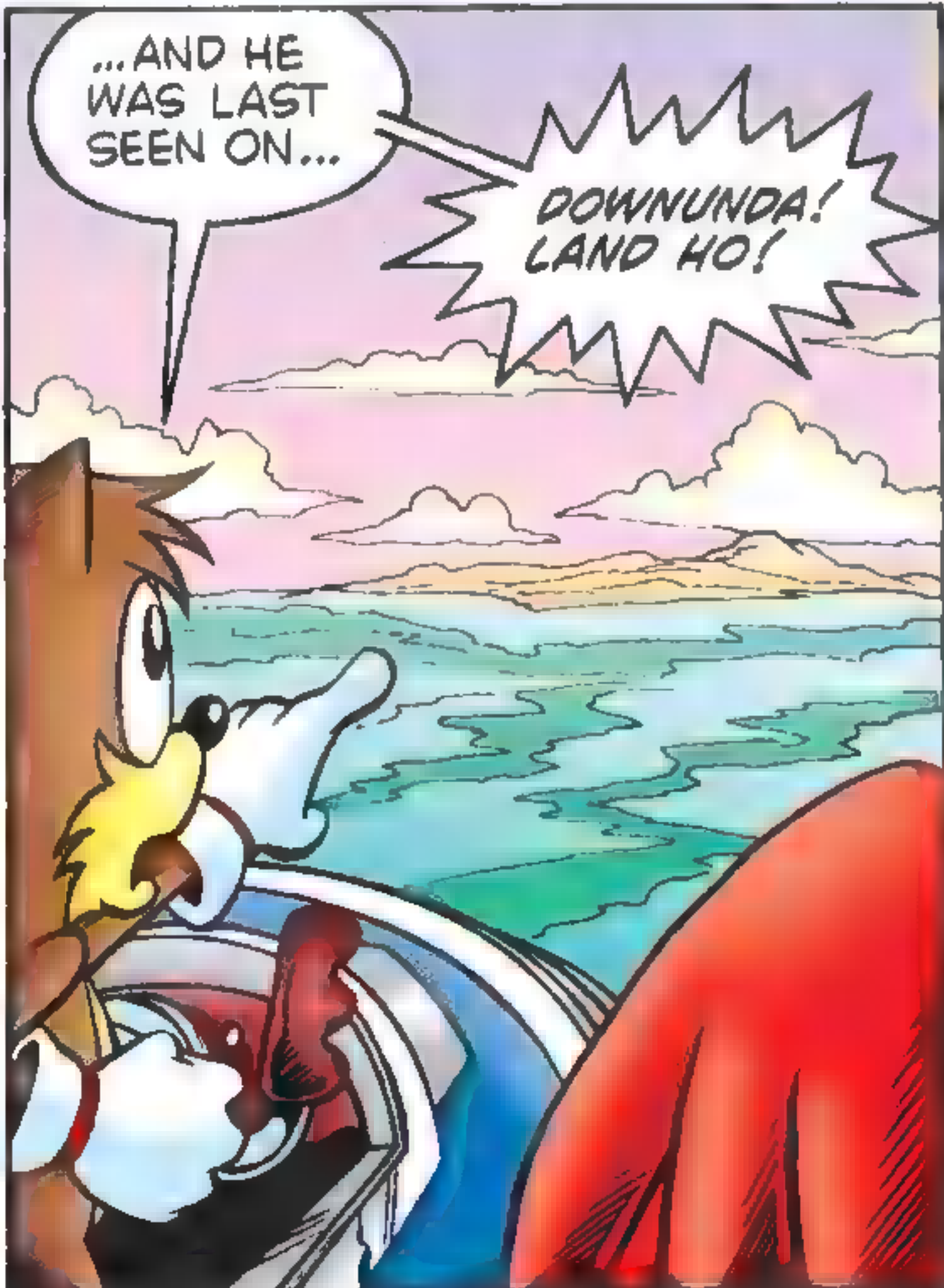
...OR WHEN SONIC CAUGHT HIS BILLIONTH POWER RING...*



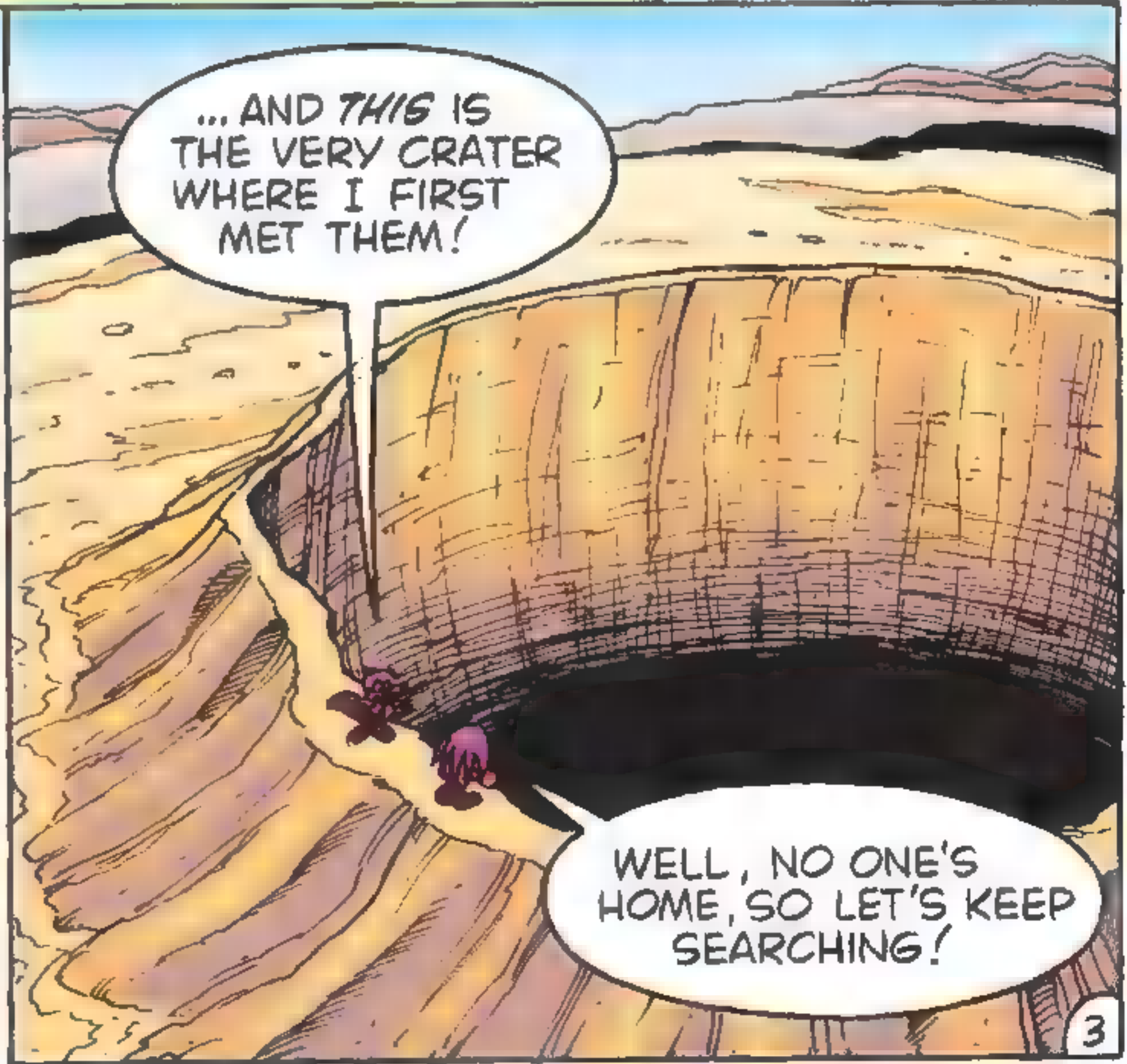
*TAILS MINI-SERIES #3
YUP, IT'S ME AGAIN.

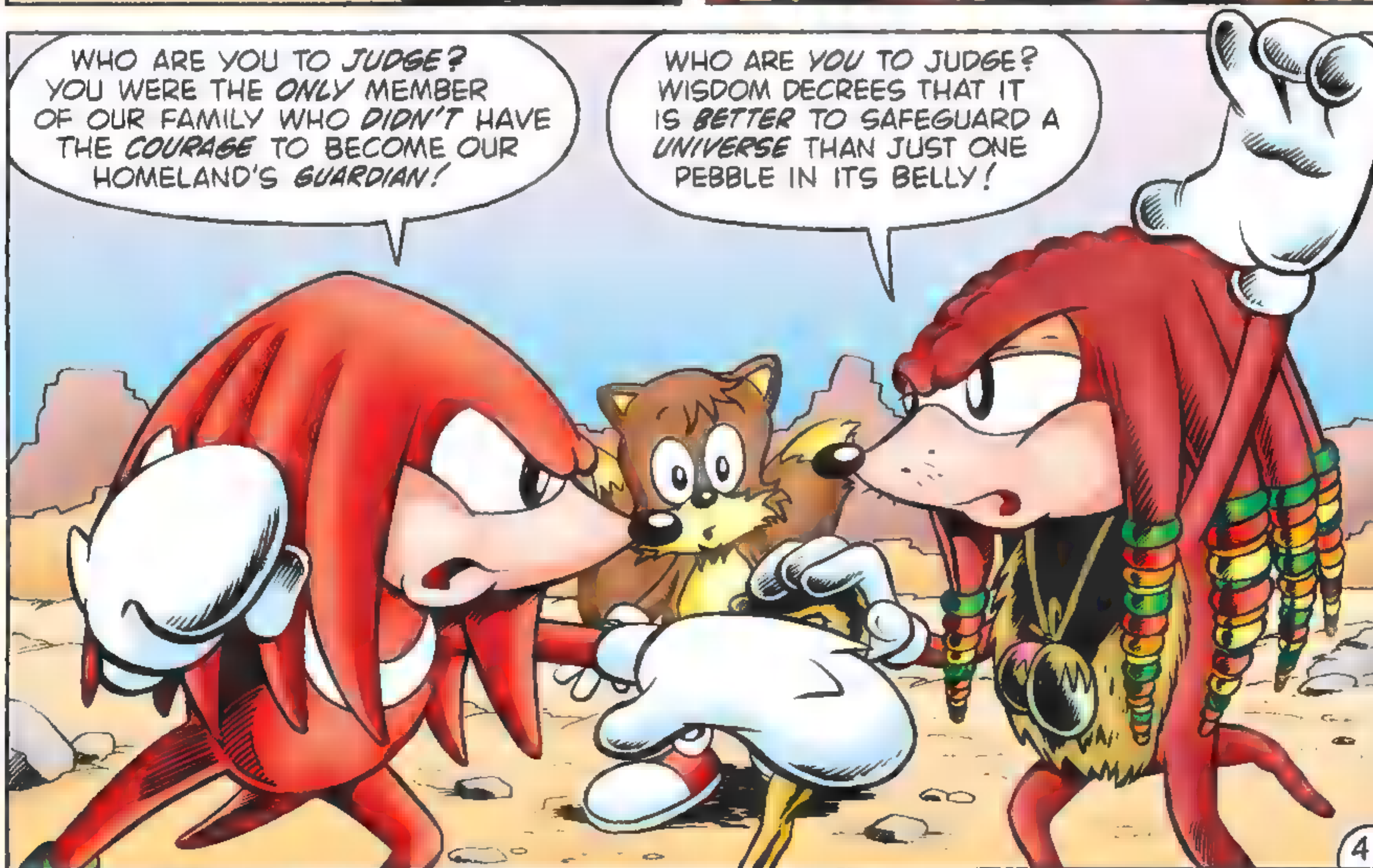
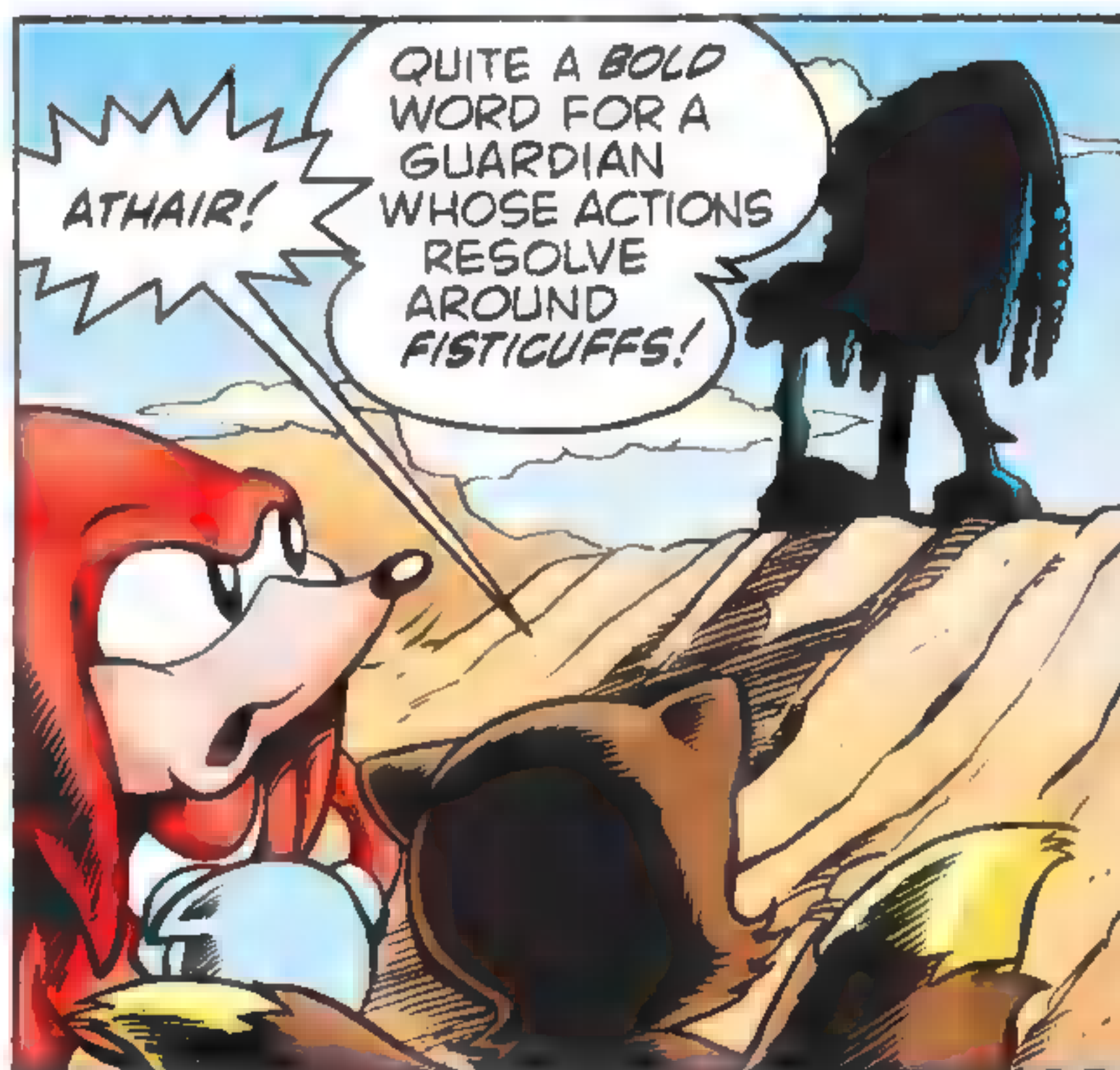
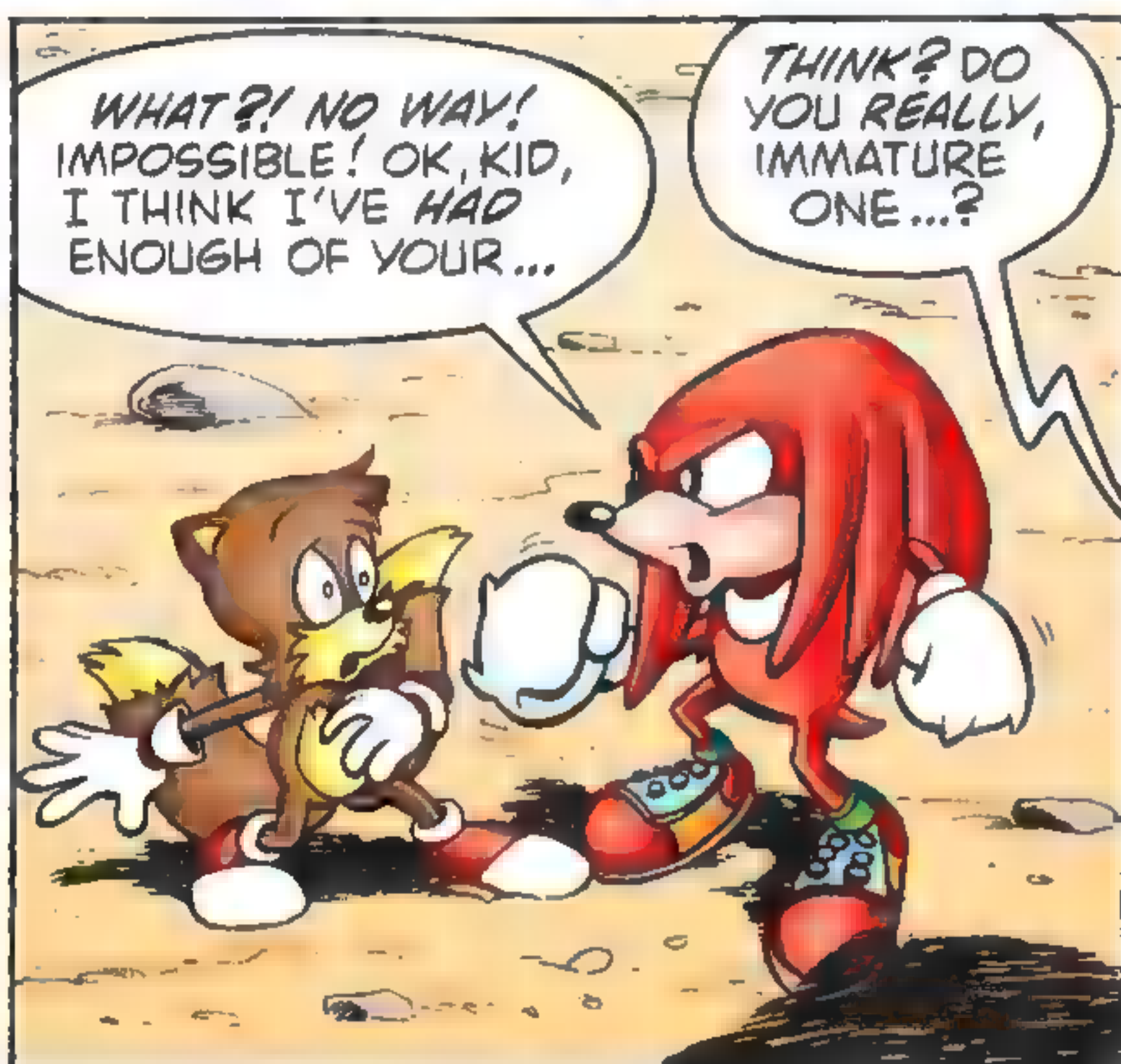
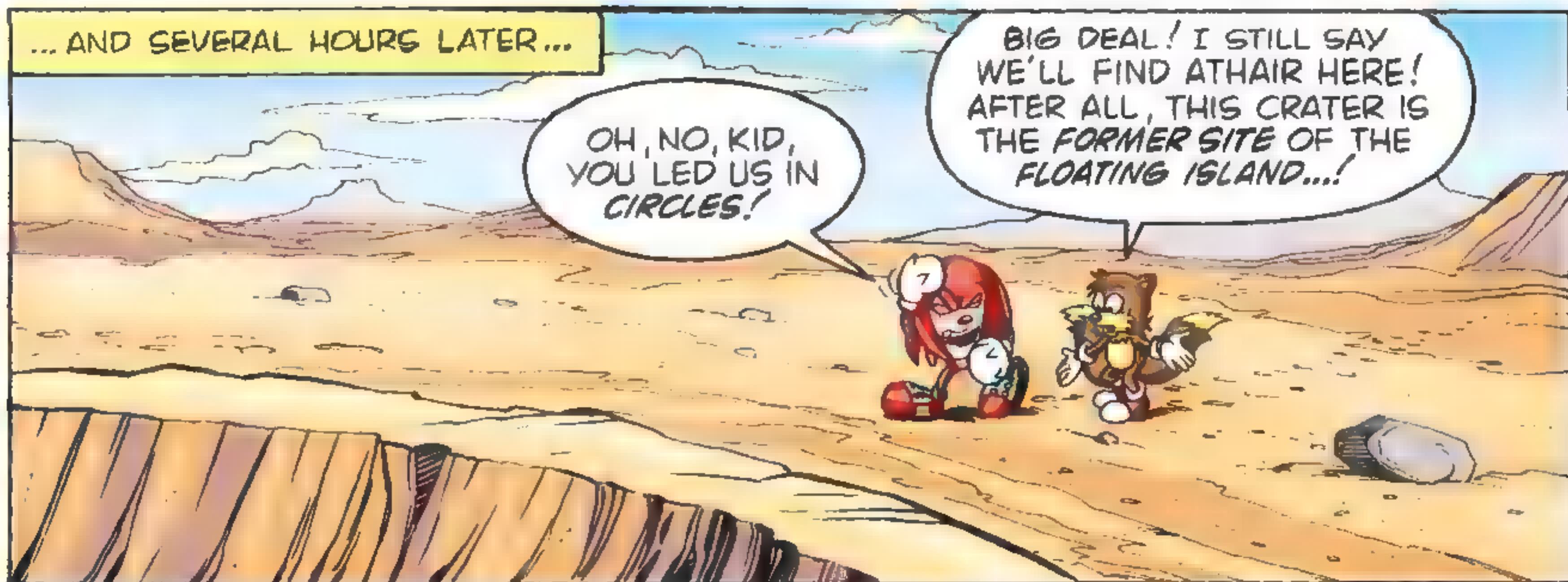


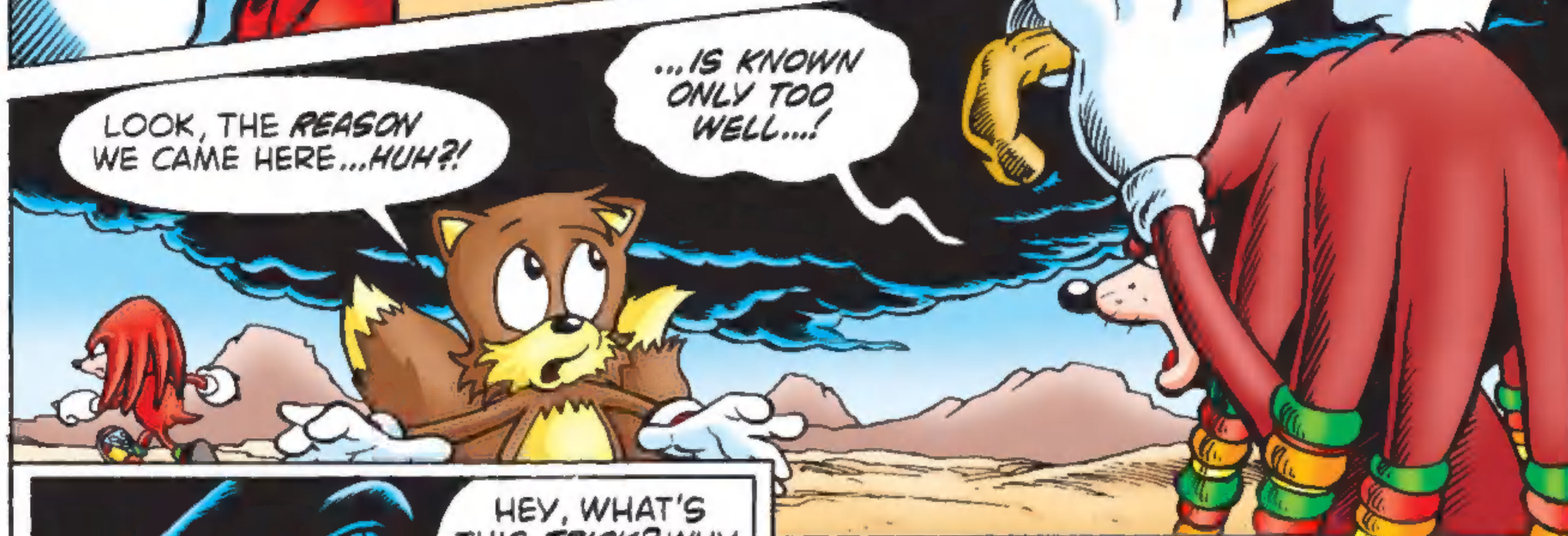
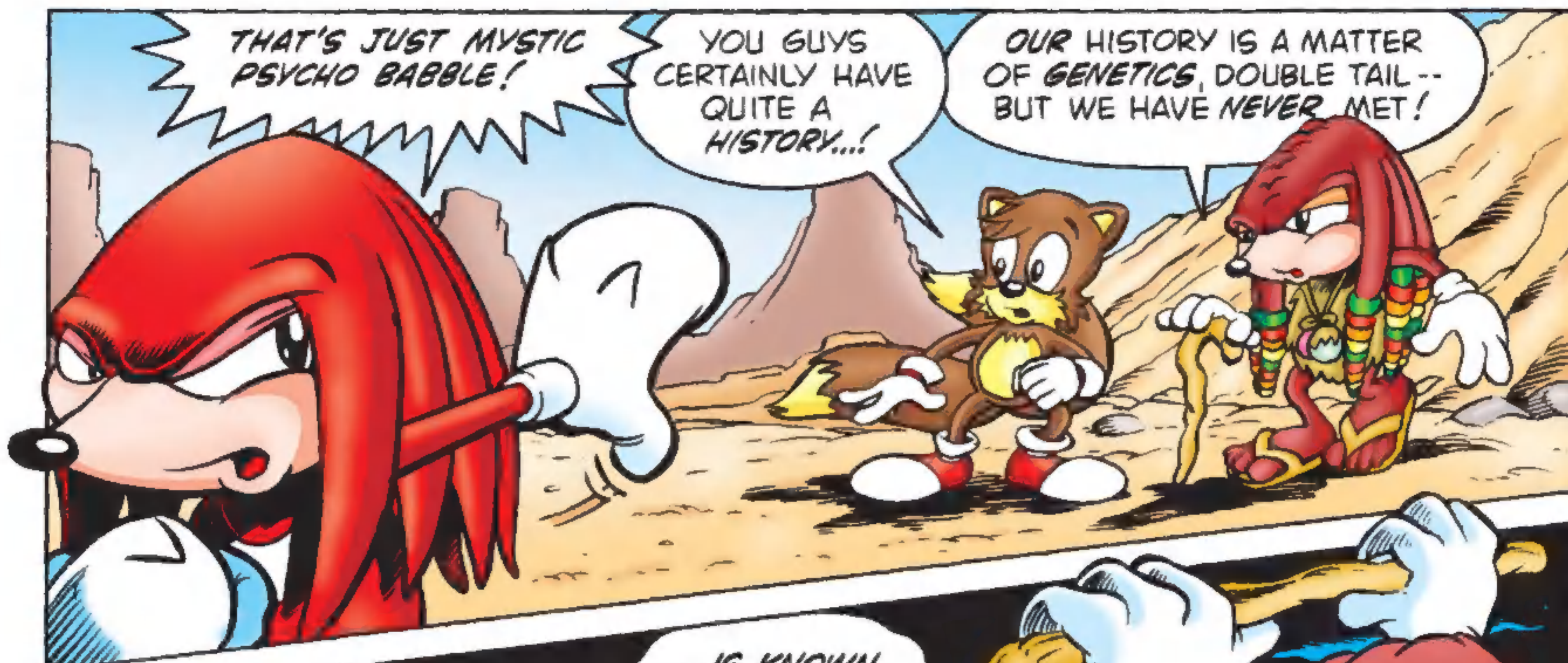
"...AND YOUR GREAT
GRANDFATHER IS THE
ONLY GUY WHO HAS A
DIRECT LINK WITH YOU,
ME AND THE WALKERS!"

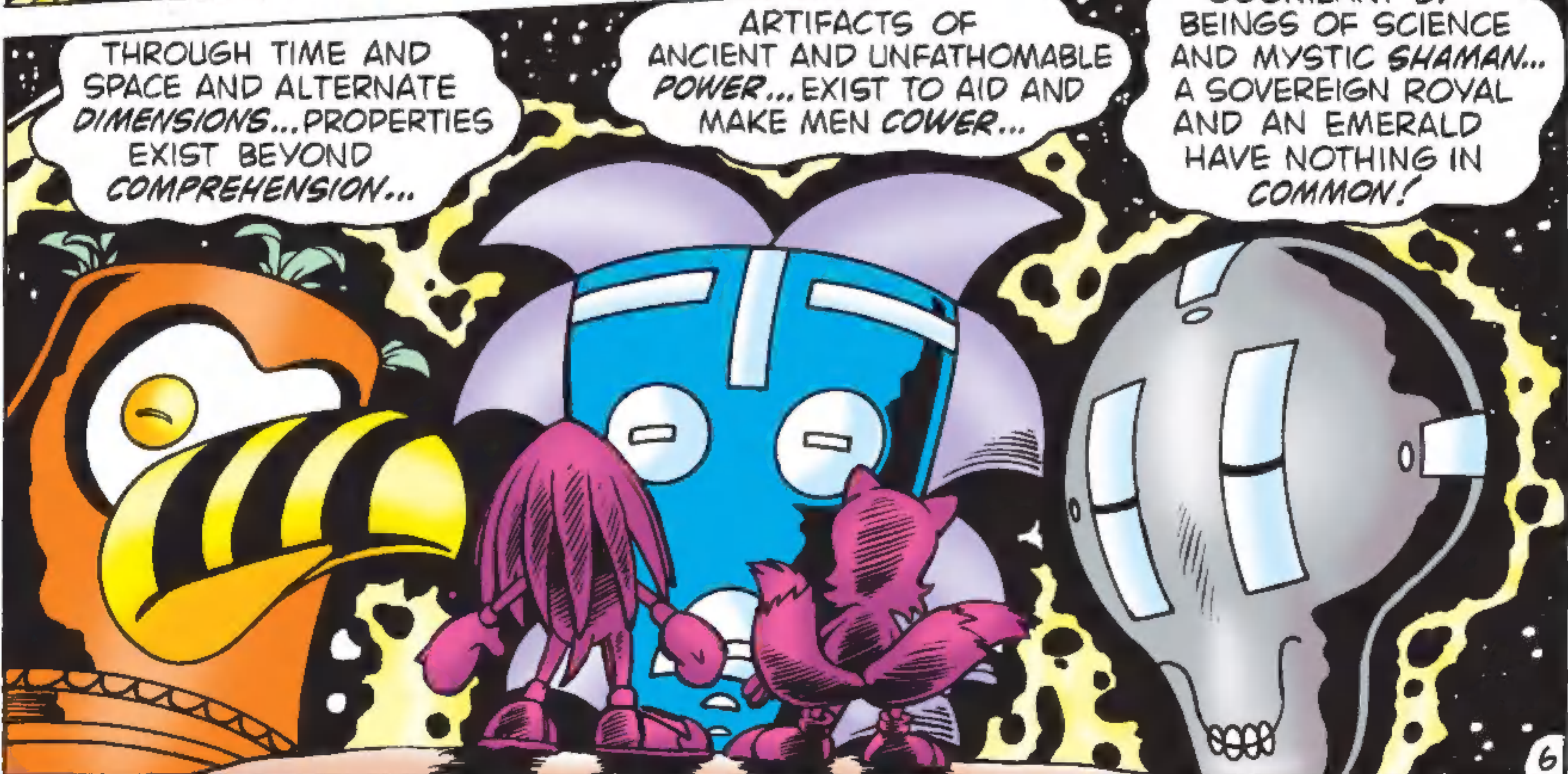
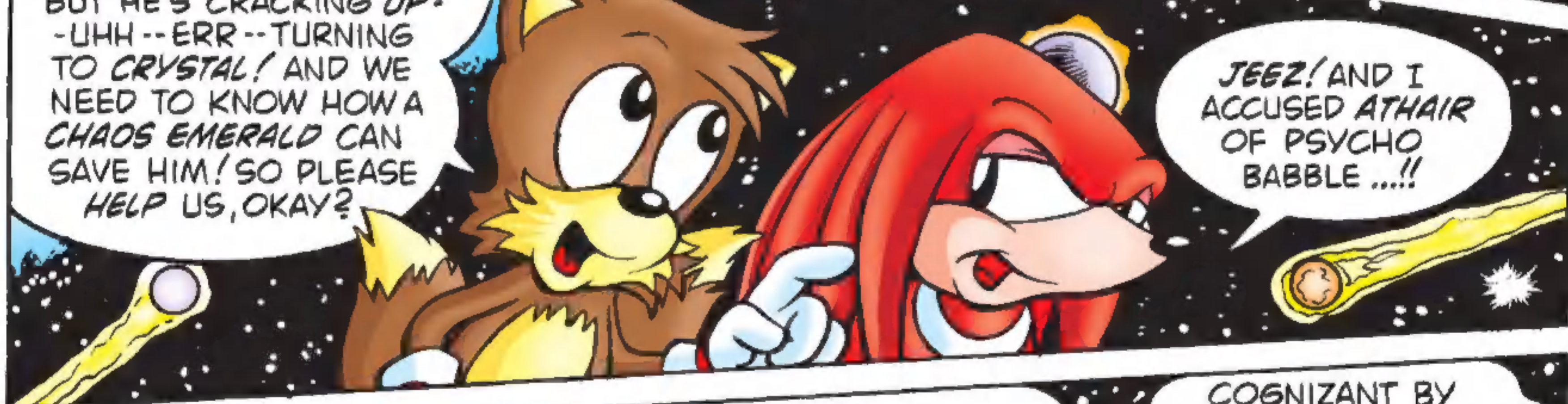
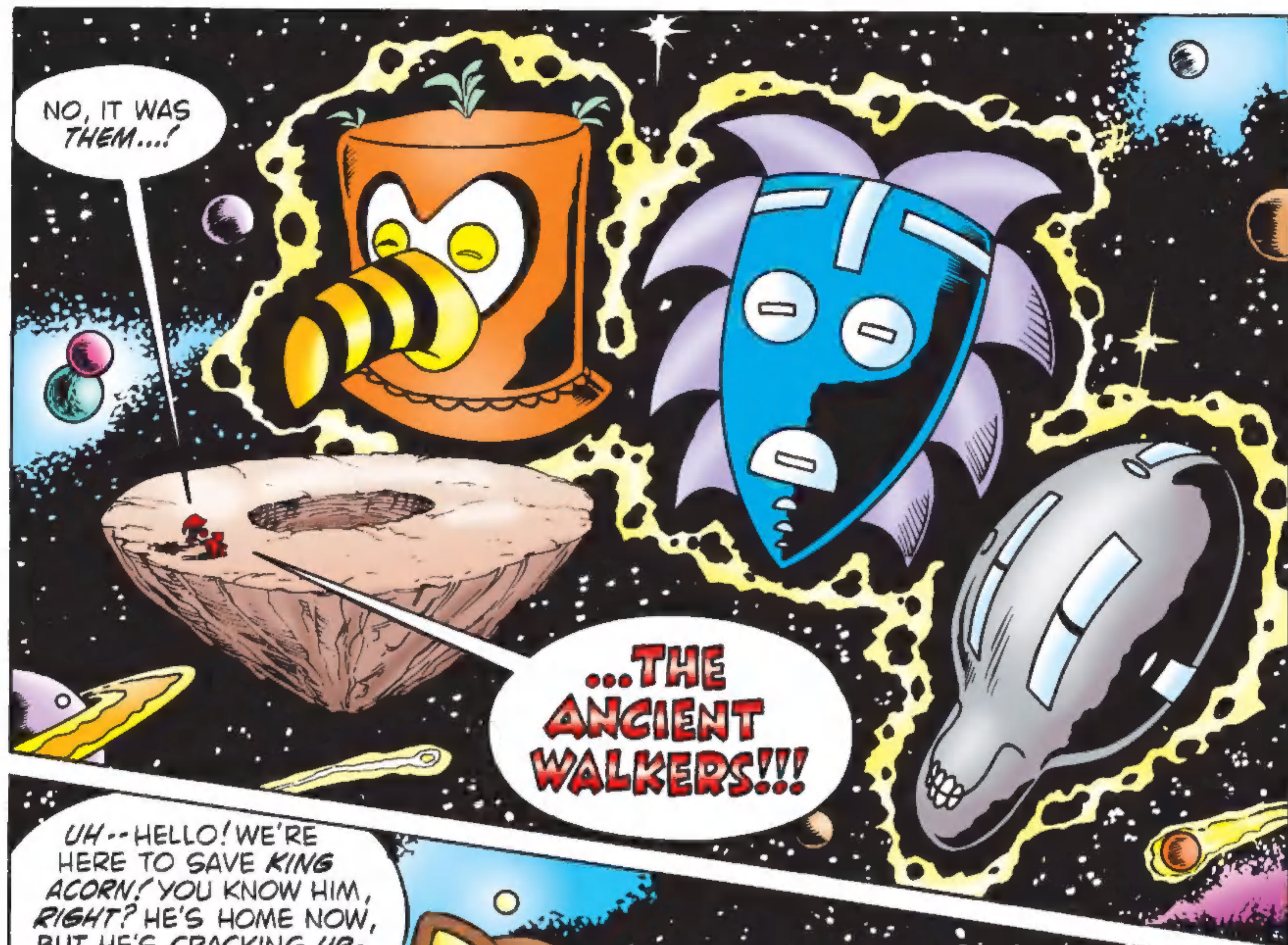


ONE HOUR AFTER DOCKING...





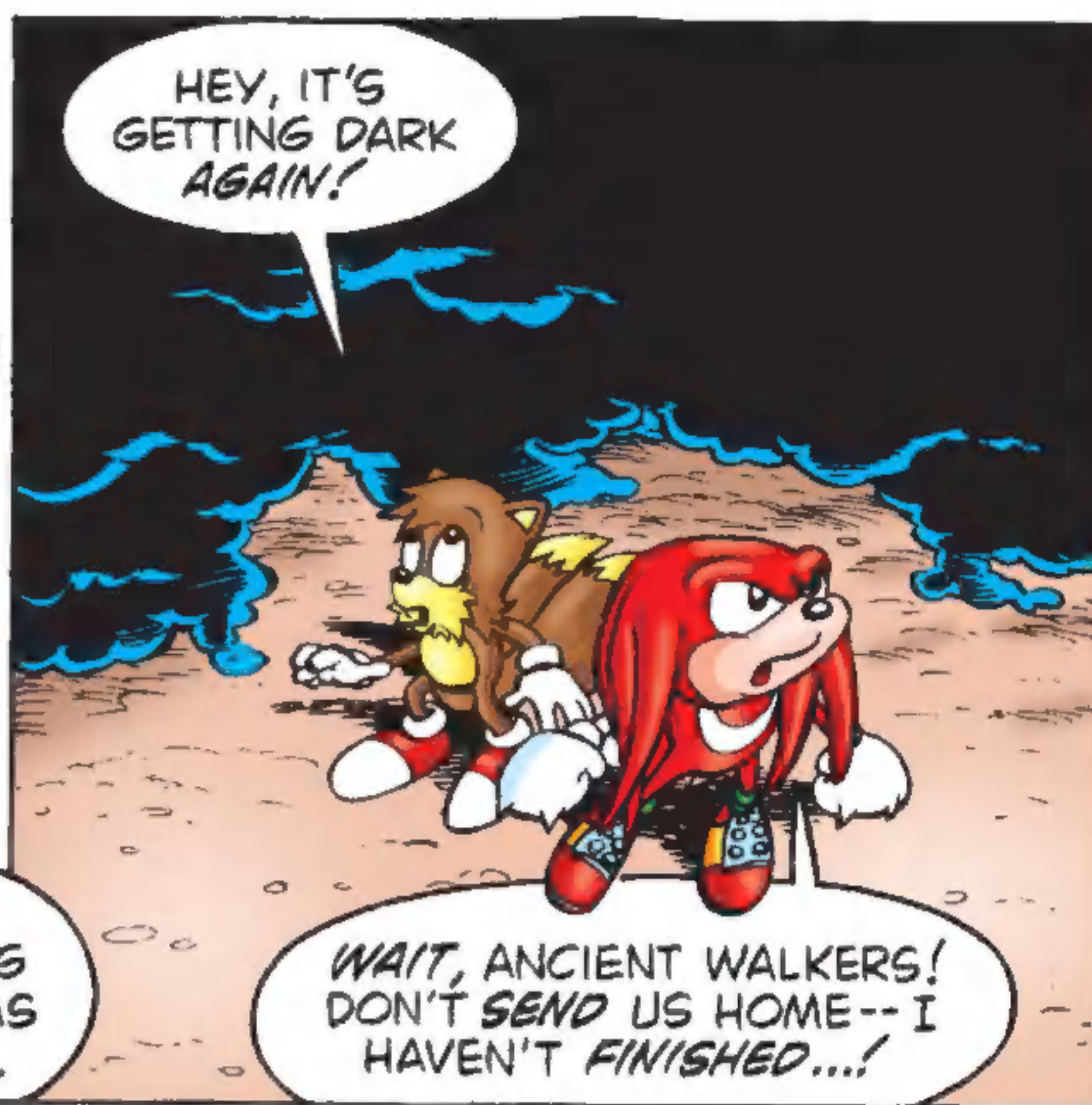






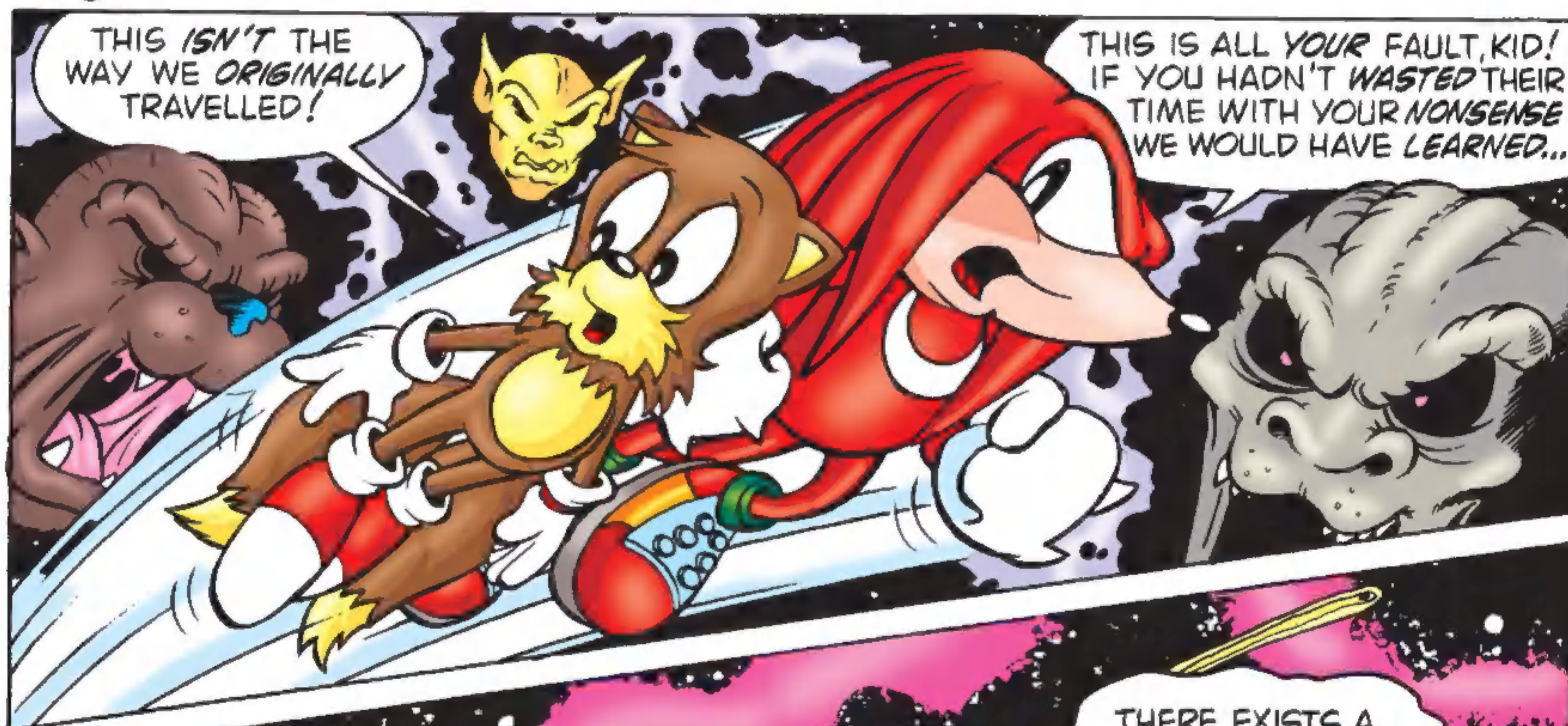
YOU MEAN A
CHAOS EMERALD
WON'T HELP HIM?
WHY?

UHH--WE REALLY CAME
HERE FOR HELP LOCATING
THE KING'S SWORD! IT HAS
A MAGICAL LINK TO HIS...



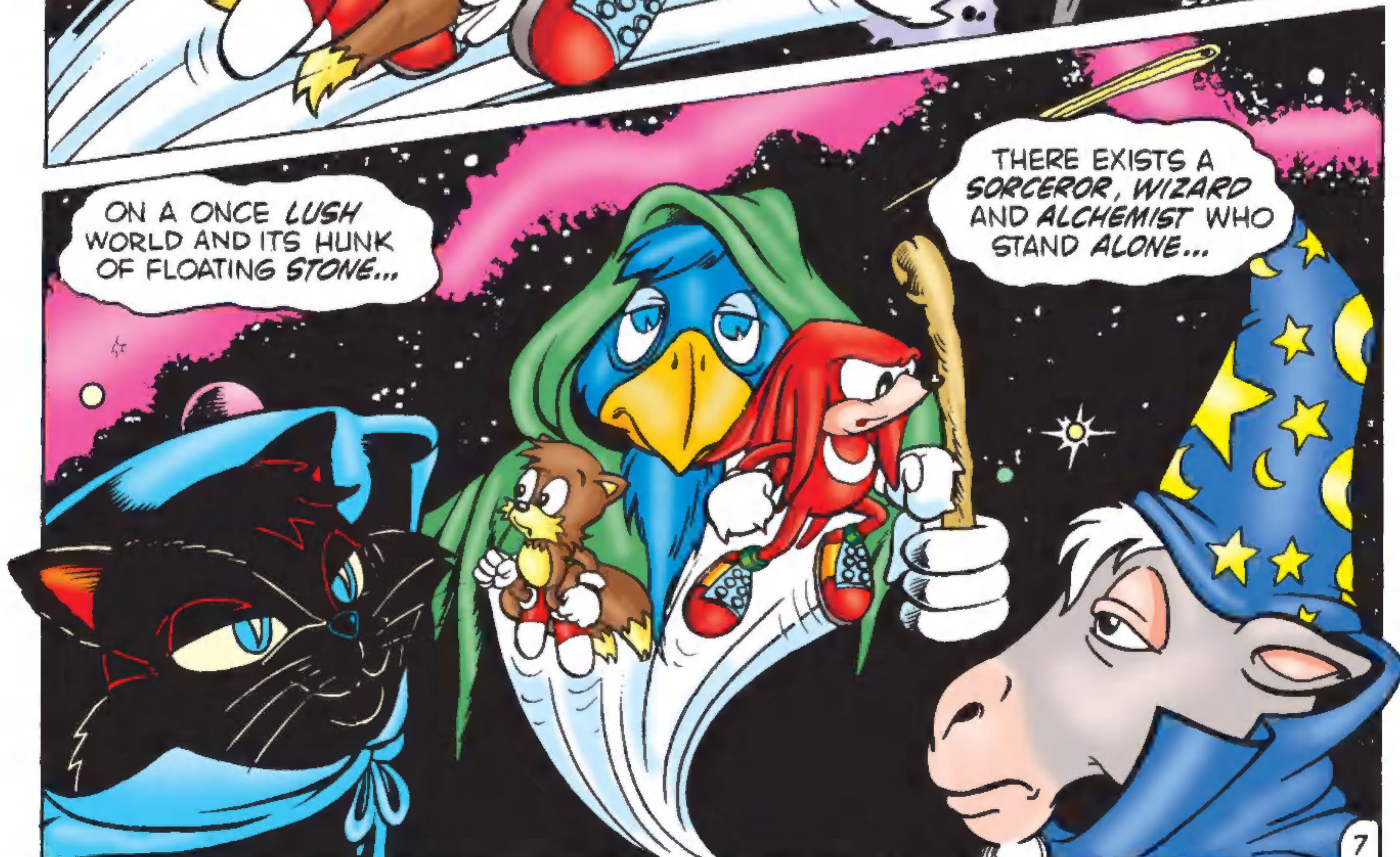
HEY, IT'S
GETTING DARK
AGAIN!

WAIT, ANCIENT WALKERS!
DON'T SEND US HOME-- I
HAVEN'T FINISHED...!



THIS *ISN'T* THE
WAY WE *ORIGINALLY*
TRAVELLED!

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, KID!
IF YOU HADN'T WASTED THEIR
TIME WITH YOUR NONSENSE
WE WOULD HAVE LEARNED...



ON A ONCE LUSH
WORLD AND ITS HUNK
OF FLOATING STONE...

THERE EXISTS A
SORCEROR, WIZARD
AND ALCHEMIST WHO
STAND ALONE...

